

PLO executive member arrives for talks

AMMAN (J.T.) - Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Executive Committee member Mahmoud Abbas arrived here Monday for a visit to Jordan "within the framework of contacts which Jordan is making at the Arab and international levels," the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said. The PLO will be briefed on the recent moves and contacts in the region in the wake of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories, it said. Abbas was met upon arrival by Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin and PLO Executive Committee member Abdul Razzno Al Yahya. Earlier Monday, Reuter quoted a senior Jordanian official as saying Jordan had asked the PLO to send an envoy to Amman for talks on the latest U.S. Middle East peace plan and events in the occupied territories. "Our request for a PLO envoy is in line with present consultations between Jordan and other Arab countries to form a united Arab response to the U.S. peace plan," the unidentified official was quoted as saving by

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Oaboos receives Prince Mohammad

and the MUSCAT (Petra) — Sultan Qaboos of Oman received here Monday His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad. The meeting was attended by senior Omani ministers and Jordan's ambassa-The second state of the second dor to Oman. Prince Mohammad also met with Omani Deputy Prime Minister Fabd Ibn Mahmoud Al Sa'id Monday and discussed with him relations linking Jordan and Oman. Prince Mohammad also visited the Sultan Qaboos University and the Sultan Hospital.

Hayden visits Petra

AMMAN (Petra) — Australian Foreign and Trade Minister Bill Hayden and his wife Monday visited Petra. They were accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Antiquities.

Polyakov due today

AMMAN (R) - A senior Soviet official is expected to arrive here Tuesday for talks on latest developments in the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said Monday. The talks that Vladimir Polyakov, director of the Foreign Ministry's Middle East desk, will have in Amman are expected to focus on a new .U.S. peace plan which makes no mention of a direct Soviet role in peacemaking efforts. Washington proposes an "international meeting" in April as a first step towards direct Arab-Israeli negotiations, followed by talks on limited "self-rule" for the Israeli-occupied territories.

Kinnock endorses peace conference

CAIRO (AP) — British opposi-tion leader Neil Kinnock and President Hosni Mubarak held talks Monday and said they agreed that the United States should immediately endorse an international conference to bring peace to the Middle East. After a 40-minute meeting with Mubar-ak, Kinnock, head of Britain's Labour Party, told reporters that failure to bring a comprehensive Arab-Israeli settlement would lead to "the multiplication of terrorism" in the region. "My belief, and I get the very strong impression his (Mnbarak's) belief, is that the United States should now, even before (U.S. Secretary of State George) Shultz comes to the Midde East, shift gears and move their position in order to give that (international conference) full endorsement," Kinnock said.

Jerusalem, Baghdad become twin cities

BAGHDAD (R) — A former mayor of Arab Jerusalem signed an agreement with the mayor of ence (OIC), which had recom-

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ance procedures, page 7

Laos, Thailand schedule talks on border dispute,

Uprising leadership urges W. Bank mayors, Innsbruck public employees to quit

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Palestinian nationalists have called on Arab mayors, policemen and civil servants working for Israeli occupation authorities in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to join a nineweek-old uprising by quitting their jobs.

million Palestinians in the occupied territories work for Israeli authorities. There are 29 Arab mayors — some elected and others appointed hy Israel - and 98 other municipal officials.

Thousands of leaflets calling for the resignations have been distributed in the areas by a group calling itself the United National Leadership of the Up-

The latest of a series of seven leaflets, distributed Sunday, read: "No to occupation, no to deportation and no to humiliation... we thank those who have resigned and call on those have not resigned to join them."

Palestinian activist Mubarak Awad said Monday the call for resignations was widely supported by the local Palestinian eadership as a show of support for the uprising in which at least 56 Palestinians have died and hundreds have been wounded.

GENEVA (R) — The United

Nations Commission on Human Rights (UNCHR) Monday

strongly condemned Israel's

Bank and Gaza Strip.

able language.

'iron fist' policy of murder, beat-

But Western delegates to the

43-nation commission abstained

or voted against resolutions

accusing Israel of violating bu-

man rights in the occupied terri-

tories, contending they were

couched in violent and unaccept-

One resolution, sponsored by

Arab, communist, Asian and

non-aligned countries, said Israeli

crimes included firing on civi-hans, killing, wounding and tor-

turing thousands of Palestinians.

starving refugee camps, breaking arms of children and young peo-

the United States opposed the

BAGHDAD (Agencies) --- Iraq

said Monday its anti-aircraft gun-

ners shot down two ummanned

Iranian surveillance aircraft over

the southern sector of its warfront

A military spokesman said the

drones were brought down Sun-

day and one was seen falling in

flames on the Iranian side of the

front, the other in Iraqi territory.

Baghdad said Friday it had shot

down an unmanned Israeli drone

being used to gather informa-

U.N. panel condemns

Israel's 'iron-fist' policy

More than 20,000 of the 1.5 for the civil administration, working for the police, working to collect taxes, and the mayors to resign," said Awad, a Palestinian American who heads the Jerusalem Centre for the Study of

> "Those who are going to work have to feel with all those killed, all those in the refugee camps and the shopkeepers. Mayors and other officials were visited and were told if they want to be part of this uprising, they have to show it now," he said.

Non-Violence.

it was a demand accepted by everybody, they were willing to-do it. They were not threatened." Awad said workers from the Ramallah, Al Bireh and Al Ram municipalities in the West Bank had already resigned. But Israeli authorities insisted that not a single mnoicipal worker or

Their general reaction was if

policeman had left his job. Awad said both elected and undreds have been wounded. Israeli-appointed mayors were Israeli army confirms burying 4 "We are asking people working being pressed to resign, but Arabs alive, page 2

Japan and Spain abstained.

mission adopted by 31 votes to

one, with 11 abstentions, a

accusing Israel of violating a 1949

Geneva Red Cross convention

guaranteeing protection of civi-lians in time of conflict.

a similar 31-1-11 vote, conde-

tion of the Golan Heights.

tories, including Jerusalem.

preceding the vote at the commis-

army action against Palestinian

demonstrators in the West Bank

and Gaza in which at least 56

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Arabs have been killed.

negative vote.

elected Bethlehem Mayor Elias

Freij told Reuters:
"Only the new municipal committees which were appointed last year are being asked to resign. We were not asked to resign and I will not resign because we have a very important joh to do in serving our people.

Asked if he thought the call for Palestinian resignations would succeed, Freij said: "I doubt it because what will the alternative be — they will appoint Israelis to he in charge of municipal

A Palestinian about 25 was shot and wounded in the stomach by troops in the Shufat refugee camp on the outskirts of Jerusalem, a hospital official said. It was the known first case of a protester being wounded hy gunfire in the Holy City.
In the Arab Jerusalem village

of Sur Bahir, police fired tear gas to subdue Palestinian protesters who erected roadhlocks of twisted metal and hurning tires. Associated Press photographer Max Nash saw police detain two

Police have arrested 21 Palestinians in Jerusalem since Sunday, including five Arabs from the Muslim quarter of the Old City

Gemavel motion. Costa Rica, Ireland, ties with In a separate ballot the com-

lations with Syria, the main fore-ign power-broker in his country.

The United States cast the only Another resolution, passed by mned Israel's continued occupa-It called on Israel to end its terests." Gemayel said. inhuman treatment and acts of

terrorism against Syrians and to withdraw from all occupied terri-During a week-long debate which we hope see the light. We sion's annual six-week session, these exchanges. delegates condemned Israeli

"I believe we have gone a long way in this direction in the interests of both Lebanon and Syria," he added.

Gemayel, who says he will not seek re-election when his six-year term expires in September. angered his country's Muslim leaders and Syria in 1986 when he refused to endorse a Damascusbrokered peace plan to end Lebanon's civil war, now nearly 13

there is conviction among Syrian people and government of Lebanon that we should rise above the summer cloud which overcasts Lebanese-Syrian relations." he

Syria's 25,000 troops in Lebanon control west Beirut, the Bekaa Valley in the east and parts of northern Lebanon.

Gemayel, who arrived in Khartoum Sanday from North Yemen, held talks earlier Monday with Sudanese head of state Ahmed Ali Al Mirghani and Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi. He was dne

part of what he called the duty of Arah leaders to consult one another and spoke of the similarities in domestic problems facing the Beirut and Khartoum govern-

before take-off.

King, Queen in

VIENNA (Petra) — Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor have arrived in the Austrian city of Innsbruck, capital of Tirol province, on a private visit.

The King and Queen, who

were accompanied by Austrian President Kurt Waldheim and his wife, were accorded a warm welcome Sunday by representatives of the province, officials and the local governor.

The King and Queen, who arrived by train, attended an official welcome ceremony at the city Later, at the townhall, the city

mayor delivered a speech welcoming the King and Queen and expressing the town's delight over The mayor paid tribate to the

King for his endeavours to establish peace in the Middle East and for achieving prosperity and progress for Jordan. In a reply speech, the King

stressed that Jordan was proud of its friendship with Austria and would continue to bolster bilateral relations. The mayor presented the King and Queen with a token gift to

commemorate the visit.

Jordan, Egypt reaffirm rejection of U.S. proposal based on 'self-rule'

CAIRO (Agencies) - Jordan and Egypt urged Washington Monday to work for a lasting Middle East settlement rather than one based on Palestinian "autonomy" in the Israeli-occupied territories.

Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak spoke out against plans for Palestinian "self-rule" in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, centrepiece of U.S. proposals.

Secretary of State George Shultz is due to tour the Middle East later this month to sound out Arah and Israeli leaders on the

Rifai spoke to reporters during a hrief working visit he paid to Cairo, where he delivered a message from His Majesty King Hussein to Mnbarak.

The Jordan News Agency, Petra said the letter was in the course of Jordan's consultations and contacts with Arab countries regarding the recent developments in the region and relevant "ideas which have been put forward on the Arah and international arenas in the wake of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza." Rifai said after his meeting



opposed "partial solutions" and projects dealing with "self-rule." "We insist on a final settlement that would lead to total, comprehensive peace," he told journal-

Muharak said the United States must go beyond the U.S.-sponsored 1978 Camp David accords, which led to Egypt's treaty with Israel the following year, in its thinking on Middle East peace. "We must find new solutions

far from Camp David so that all parties can accept them," he told reporters before meeting Rifai. Rifai, fresh from talks in with Muharak that Jordan Damascus, said Jordan and Syria



Hosni Muharak

had a unified position on the requirements for peace.

He called for an international conference convened by the United Nations and attended hy the five permanent Security Council members and all parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Petra quoted the prime minister as praising Egyptian leaders for the prominence they give to King Hussein's efforts for a coor-

dinated Arah stand. Commenting about Jordan's assessment of recent visits to the

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on recent developments in his

Petra said both sides would

exchange views on the situation

in Kahul following Moscow's

The Kremlin said it would pull

announcement last week on troop

its troops out of Afghanistan

within 10 months from May 15 if

the Pakistan and Afghan govern-

ments reach agreement by mid-

March at United Nations-spon-

Wakil has already visited

Kuwait, Lihya and Syria. He will

According to Petra, Wakil will

sored talks in Geneva.

return home Wednesday.

Afghan

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country, the Jordan

cy, Petra, said.

Accusing fingers levelled at Israel

PLO defers 'return voyage' after bomb damages ship

NICOSIA (Agencies) — The ter the vessel for the voyage, Palestine Liberation Organisa- Cypriot security sources said on tion (PLO) Monday postponed condition of anonymity. plans to ferry more than 100 expelled Palestinians to their on the blast but remarks by Dehomeland after an explosion damaged the ship they were to

use for the symbolic voyage.

A man claiming to speak for the Jewish Defence League (JDL) also said the U.S-based extremist group was responsible for "bombing" the Soi Phryne at Limassol, its home port on Cyprus' southern coast.

"The JDL is responsible for the bombing at Limassol," said the man, speaking with an American accent. "This is only a warning. Next time we will bomh it with all the people on it," he said in a telephoned statement to the Associated Press in Nicosia. It sounded like a long-distance

he was calling from. He said "no comment" when asked if the JDL, which advo-cates the use of violence in the Arab-Israeli conflict, also was behind the car-bombing that killed three PLO officials in Limassol

call, but he would not say where

Sunday. The slain officials - Mohammad Sultan, Mohammad Buheis and Marwan Kayyali -- had been involved in negotiations to char-

Israel said it had no comment

fuelled speculation that it was involved. "The state of Israel decided it was compelled not to let them (the PLO) achieve their purpose

way we find," Rabin told high school students in Tel Aviv. He was speaking more than three hours after the explosion on board the "ship of return" but before it was reported by the

news media. In Athens, PLO official Fuad Bittar said it was clear Israel set off the explosion "because they are the only ones concerned."

Mohammad Miari, an Israeli parliamentarian who was due to sail with the Palestinians, said in Athens Israel "proves with such actions that it does not want

The Greek skipper of the Sol Phryne, Captain Cleanthus Vlahopoulos, said he and the 52 mostly Arab crew were on board when the 5.30 a.m. (0330 GMT) blast woke them but nobody was

In Athens, the PLO's chief

Waldheim vows not to retreat in face of slander campaign

VIENNA (Agencies) — President Kurt Waldheim vowed Monday not to retreat in the face of 'slanders, hateful demonstrations and wholesale condemnations" and said he would stay in

In a nationally televised speech Monday night, Waldheim said he would not resign from presidency despite calls that he should step The 69-year-old presideot

addressed the fierce controversy that has arisen since a historians' report last week questioned his moral integrity and said he was "in close proximity" to Nazi atrocities during his World War II service in the Balkans.

"In the course of the renewed discussion, the question was also put about my premature departure from the office of federal president," Waldheim said. "I want to take a stand in all

clarity: You my dear Austrians have elected me federal president with a convincing majority in a secret and direct election for six years," he said. "Thus, it is no longer a matter of the man Kurt Waldheim. In view of the slanders, I have often asked myself in the last two years, whether I should carry on all that." Waldheim flatly ruled ont resignation, saying: "It is a fundamental principle of our democracy that an election result cannot be subsequently corrected."

"A head of state must not retreat in the face of slanders, hateful demonstrations and wholesale condemnations," Waldheim said.

The former U.N. secretary general criticised the report on his wartime record issued last week by a commission of historians. He dismissed some of their findings as being based on "suppositions and hypotheses." The president said some of the

members of the commission, set up at his own suggestion, "in oo way wanted to be of service to His five-minute speech came

one day after Chancellor Franz Vranitzky said he might resign

eses," Waldheim said.

because of the controversy over Waldheim and accused the president of failing to respond adequately to the historians' report. "I cannot fail to establish that parts of this report do not correspond to the facts, but are built upon suppositions and hypoth-

minister arrives AMMAN (J.T.) - Afghanistan's spokesman who has been over-Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil seeing preparations for the mucharrived here Monday on a tour of delayed voyage, insisted the Islamic countries to brief officials

"ship of return" would sail.
"We are continuing our plans terrorists who are using bombs against ideas, nohle ideas," said the spokesman, Bassam Abu

Adding to the confusion were and we will do that in whatever anooymous telephone calls to the national news agencies in Athens and Nicosia claiming responsibility for the explosion aboard Sol Phryne on behalf of the Palestine National Salvation Front. an alliance of Syrian-based Palestinian factions at odds with PLO

chief Yasser Arafat. But the PNSF's chief spokesman, Abdul Hadi Al Nahhas, denied the group's involvement in a statement issued in

There was no way to verify the identity of the callers, including (Continued on page 3)

meet with Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri and other officials and discuss the Afghan question in the wake of a U.N. envoy's recent visit to Afghanistan and

Britain wants cuts in Soviet missiles, conventional arms

MOSCOW (Agencies) - British Foreign secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe Monday told his Soviet counterpart. Eduard Shevard-nadze, that the West will not settle for Soviet advantages in mobile nuclear missiles and conventional and chemical weapons. Howe said the West wanted to

see Soviet cuts in these areas as proof of what Kremlin leader Mikhail S. Gorhachev calls "new thinking." "We in the west will be happier

with it (the USSR) when we can point to concrete evidence that new thinking does in practice make the Soviet Union an easier neighbour," Howe said.

His remarks were delivered at a luncheon hosted by Shevard-Howe arrived in Moscow Sun-

day, met with the foreign minister Monday, and was to meet Gorbachev Tuesday. He leaves the Soviet Union Wednesday. Also on the foreign secretary's agenda for Monday is the signing with Shevardnadze of a memorandum in which the Soviet Union and Britain pledge to work together to curb drug abuse and traffick-ing. It is the first such accord between East and West, British diplomats said.

In his speech, Howe said Western Europeans were deeply concerned about their security now that the United States and the Soviet Union have agreed to eliminate intermediate-range ouc-

"They see Soviet pressure for a nuclear-free Europe, which in reality means a nuclear free Western Europe, with our Eastern neighbours still in possession of a large mobile nuclear arsenal, in addition to your preponderance in conventional and chemical weapons," the British envoy

Howe endorsed plans to cut U.S. and Soviet strategie arsenals by 50 per cent and said be hoped an agreement could be signed this Howe urged Moscow to help

bring about a "genuinely representative government" in Afghanistan after the departure of the estimated 115,000 Soviet troops from the country.

British officials said Afghanistan had been among the main topics discussed during the first session of talks.

They said the discussions were taking place in a good atmosphere with a good personal relationship between the two men.

Considerable time was devoted to the Iran-Iraq war with the Soviet side appearing to be "more forthcoming" on proposals to put pressure on Iran to accept a ceasefire, one official

In his speech, Howe urged the Soviet Union to hack a United Nations Security Council resolution imposing an arms embargo on Iran as a first step towards

ending the Gulf war.

ple and causing pregnant women to have miscarriages through It was passed by 31 votes to eight with four abstentions. Belgium, France, West Germany, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Britain and

with Iran.

Baghdad Monday twinning the two cities in "an act of solidarity for the cause of peace." The document was signed by Ruhi Al Khatib, mayor of the Holy City before it was occupied by Israeli forces in 1967, and Khatid Abdul-Munin Rashid, mayor of the Iraq reports downing Iraqi capital. The ceremony was attended by Sayed Sharifuddin Pirzada, secretary general of the Organisation of Islamic Confermended the move as a symbolic gesture of support for Palestinians living under Israeli occupa-

INSIDE

 UNRWA considers scaling down staff in Leba-

 Jordan and North Yetions to pass to Iran for use in the It said the drone was brought

down Thursday near Iraq's southern border with Knwait and Sandi Arabia.

An Israeli spokesman later denied the report. Iran recently reported that home-built drones have been successfully tested and that its war factories were now working on

building fighter planes. But it was not clear from Monday's Iraqi report if the drones reportedly downed were made in

two Iranian spy drones Iranian officials had boasted that the dropes would boost the

> countries air force. Western military analysts say Iran has 60-70 operational war-

In recent weeks, Iranian warplanes have been action in the war with Iraq, suggesting Tehran may have bought some of its air force needs on the black market. Iranian officials also claim Iran now makes its own chapter of the

Chinese-made, long-range sur-face-to-surface missiles and other projectiles as part of a drive toward self-sufficiency. Iran claimed this weekend that its forces opened "direct fire" on U.S. navy helicopters that were carrying out reconnaissance op-

erations Friday ahead of a convoy

of U.S.-flagged Kuwaiti ships in

the Gulf, forcing the American

helicopters to fice. But a Pentagon spokesman in Washington denied the report. We have no reports ... that indicated that event occurred,"

said U.S. air force major Randall

ings and deportations in the West- second part of the resolution

KHARTOUM (R) — Lebanese President Amin Gemayel said Monday he wanted improved re-

"The objective of Lebanese policy has from the start been the return of Lehanese-Syrian relations to friendliness and mutual respect: That Syria should accept Lebanon's sovereignty and that Lebanon appreciates Syria's in-

He told a news conference at the end of a two-day official visit to Sudan: 'There are exchanges (hetween Syria and Lehanon) do our utmost to push forward

years old. "I'm full of confidence that officials, especially President Hafez Al Assad, and among the

to return home later Monday. He said he came to Sudan as

Gemayel was the target of an assassination attempt last week when a bomb was placed on the aircraft due to take him on his present trip. It was discovered

UNRWA considers more cuts in foreign staff if 2 Scandinavians not freed

man and expected the two Scan-

dinavians to be released within 48

They said Arafat bad sus-

pended the man after the August

killing "but now there are indica-

tions he will give him back his

responsibilities which is a positive

sign that reinforces the chances

for an early release of the two."

Arafat, who enjoys wide fol-lowing at Ain Al Hilweb, was

apparently embarrassed by the

kidnapping and issued orders to

his officials in the south to work

Fateh officials threatened to

use force to free the captives and

Arafat was quoted last Saturday

as saying Fatch forces were sur-

rounding the kidnapper _hideout

but had not stormed it at the

request of the kidnap victims'

UNRWA in Lebanon employs

more than 2,000 Palestinians who

held a one-our strike Monday to

protest at the kidnappings. The agency provides aid to 280,000

An unnamed clandestine group

"security reasons," was

Saturday said it kidnapped the

interrogating them and would re-

lease them in a week if proven

The undated handwritten state-

ment carried purported finger-

prints and signatures, which UN-

RWA officials said resembled

those of the missing men but they

were being checked.

governments.

innocent.

for the release of the two.

BEIRUT (Agencies) — U.N. officials said Monday they were considering making more cuts among international aid staff in Lebanon if two kidnapped Scandinavian workers were not freed.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNŔWA) spokesman Niall Kiely told Reuters that the aid agency withdrew one Irishman Saturday, one day after two staff were evacuated to Cyprus and four others, away on leave, were told not to return. UNRWA bas 14 international staff in Lebanon.

'We are considering further reductions," he said.

He said the agency director in Lebanon, Per Olof Hallquist, would stay in Beirut to follow efforts being made to free Swede Jan Stening, 44, and Norwegian Willian Joergensen, 57.

Palestinian gunmen kidnapped the two Feb. 5 near the sonthern port of Sidon.

Kiely said the hostages were victim to inter-Palestinian rivalry but would not elaborate.

Security sources said the kidnapping was the result of a power feud in the Fatch group of Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO)...

They said the man who planned the abduction was accused of killing a senior Fateh official at Ain Al Hilweh refugee camp last August, sparking a feud between him and Arafat.

"The man, who has a few. hundred guerrillas around him, wants to challenge Arafat," said one source.

Palestinian sources at Ain Al Hilweh said Arafat was in daily contact by telephone with this

on the statement was that of her husband

More than a week of roundthe-clock negotiations between Sunni Muslim leader Mustapha Saad and Palestinian officials have failed in winning freedom

ing's wife confirmed the signature

Kiely said the negotiations were still going on in Sidon.

Valentines for hostages

Meanwhile the Lebanese daily newspaper As Safir Monday published Valentine's Day greetings addressed to American hostage Terry Anderson and other foreign captives.

In a froot-page report, the newspaper said: "The senders wish their messages would reach the hostages and that the captors will see them and free the captives whose parents and friends are waiting impatiently for their

As Safir said its staff joins the senders' appeal for the release of all 22 captives believed held by pro-Iranian Shi'ite Muslim ex-

Most of the 150 messages the newspaper received Sunday were addressed to Anderson, the longest-held foreigner. Anderson, 40, of Lorain, Ohio is chief Middle East correspondent of the Associated Press. He was kidnapped on March 16, 1985.

In a video-taped message released by his captors on Christmas Eve, Anderson said he had seen some Christmas cards sent to him printed in As Safir and the independent newspaper An

UNRWA sources said Sten-Hassan says Israel to lose whatever happens

RABAT (R) - King Hassan of Morocco has said that Israel will be the loser whatever happens in the occupied Arab territories.

In an interview with Danish television, the text of which was published in Rabat Monday, the Moroccan monarch said "what is happening now is extremely serious for Israel."

"Either the West Bank and Gaza become separate territories, liberated and neighbours, or they become definitively integrated into Israel.

The young people and populations of these territories will either be very bad Israelis, if Israel really wants to annex them, or neighbours who will not be Marrakesh later Monday.

very comfortable if what is going on is not stopped. "In both cases Israel will be the

loser. It must be careful." The interview published by the Moroccan News Agency (MAP) was given on the eve of a state visit to Morocco by Oneen Margrethe of Denmark. She was due to arrive in the southern city of

Qadhafi denies seeking to kill Reagan

NEW YORK (R) — Libyan lead-er Muammar Qadhafi, in an la or Chad.

Asked about a chin coine interview published Sunday, denied reports he once planned to send a hit squad after President Reagan.

magazine Washington must end its meddling in the Middle East and warned he would strike in Northern Ireland, Nicaragua and Panama if the Reagan adminis-

"I never even thought of assassinating Reagan," Qadhafi said. The Libyan leader said be had been the target of assassination But Qadhafi told Newsweek attempts, but "none of them have come near me - yet."

Qadhafi was interviewed in Algiers, where be was attending talks about joining Algeria, Mauritania and Tunisia in a

Asked about a ship seized by France last October with 150 tonnes of arms believed bound for the outlawed Irish Republican Army, Qadhafi declared his "total support" of the "people of Northern Ireland."

The only way Americans can be secure is to get out of the Middle East for good, he said. occupied Arab lands.

French, **Italian** minehunters leave Gulf for home

SUEZ, Egypt (Agencies) — Two French and Italian minebunters, returning home from duty in the troubled Gulf region, steamed up the Suez Canal Monday toward the Mediterranean Sea.

Canal officials, speaking anonymously under operating rules, identified the vessels as France's Orion and Italy's Palma. The officials said the minehun-

ters were in a regular 25-ship convoy that entered the canal from the Red Sea early Monday. The French navy in Paris said the Orion has been replaced in

the Gulf by its sister ship the

Andromede. It was not known whether the

Palma will be replaced. France and Italy have had naval task forces in and near the Gulf since last summer to protect their commercial vessels against possible attacks stemming from the Iran-Iraq war. The flotillas include mine clearance units.

The French flotilla has more than a dozen ships. Italy initially sent eight vessels but announced last month that it was scaling down the force because of the reduced threat of mines to commercial shipping.

Meanwhile U.S. Navy ships which had Iraqi missiles fired toward them Friday completed their escort of four U.S.-registered Kuwaiti ships Sunday, the

U.S. Defence Department said. The destroyer Chandler and the frigate Renben James, which formed a convoy with the Kuwaiti vessels on Feb. 11 in the Gulf of Oman, transited the Strait of Hornuz and left the vessels Sunday morning in international waters off Kuwait, it said.

The Kuwaiti ships, flying American flags so they could fall under U.S. protection, were the tankers Ocean City and Surf City and the liquified gas carriers Gas King and Gas Queen.

The Defence Department said Saturday that one of two missiles fired by an Iraqi warplane had come within about 13 kilometres of the Chandler as it and the Reuben James were escorting the four Knwaiti vessels.

It said the ships were not apparent targets of the Iraqi missiles. Last year 37 American sailors re killed when an Iragi missile hit the U.S. frigate Stark in the Gulf. Iraq said the attack was a

Shamir in Rome

ROME (R) - Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir arrived in Italy Monday amid heavy security on his first trip abroad since an outburst of violence in

Israeli army confirms burying 4 Arabs alive

TEL: AVIV (R) - The commander of Israeli troops in the occupied West Bank said Monday that the action of troops who buried four Arab youths and left them for dead was beyond his worst

The army arrested a regular army master-sergeant and a lower ranking soldier on suspicion of burying the youths, later rescued by other Palestinians, under 30 centimetres of earth pushed over. them by a buildozer.

"Even in my worst dreams, I couldn't imagine (snch an occurrence) and I am warning commanders all the time that they should expect the worst things possible," Maj.-Gen. Amram Mitzna told

Asked about the incident at Salim village on Feb. 5, army pected leaders of the revolt in spokeswoman Major Ofra Preuss said: "We suspect this thing did happen. If the incident is confirmed. I believe military justice

will be quick to act." Residents of Salim, a hill village of 1,100 people near Nablus, said they pulled the four out alive but two were unconscious.

The incident appeared to be one of the worst cases of brutality by troops during nine weeks of protests in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in which at least 56 Arabs were killed.

The territories occupied in the 1967 Middle East war, were

generally caim Monday but police and troops arrested about 30 susearly morning raids on Arab: areas of Jerusalem.

Army spokeswoman Preuss said the incident at Salim "was totally an exception, it's unbelievable, crazy and certainly not the norm." She said five soldiers may troops quelled a demonstration and left.

The army has been accused in Israel and abroad of wanton brutality, particularly since Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin ordered soldiers last month to beat up protests rather than shoot them. Yusef Hamdan, a Salim resident, told Israel television Sunday that a soldier ordered the four youths to lie on the ground.

"He hit them on their heads and told the soldier driving the bulldozer to run them over. When the driver refused to do so. he was told to cover them." the resident said.

Prenss said it was only Sunday that the army began to suspect have been involved after other the incident took place, even though Israeli newspapers reported it last week.

The army said a Jewish settler who was reported to have been involved was nowhere near the

The settler, Nissim Habah, demed any involvement on Israel Army Radio Monday.

Brzezinski: Unrest could strain support for Israel

WASHINGTON (R) - Former White House National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski said Sunday continued unrest in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip could erode U.S. support for Israel.

Brzezinski, security adviser under President Jimmy Carter, said U.S. government and public support for Israel was still very strong but a top-level, effort by the Reagan administration was needed to end the Israeli-Palestinian fighting.

"The American public supports Israel out of a sense of ustice for the Jewish people, out of the sense that Israel stands for something noble and decent, and that is being tarnished very badly," he said in a television inter-

"I do have a feeling if the beatings, the brutality and the killings continue, it's bound to attrite America's moral commitment to Israel," said Brzezinski.

"More and more people in Israel are realising that some fair resolution on the basis of the principle of cohabitation between the Israeb and Palestinian peoples has to be found," said Brzezinski, who just ended a Middle East visit

He said there was some flex-

ibility on that issue but that a great deal defended on U.S. efforts to make Israel realise a solution to the unrest was in its best interest. He said Israel would not move unless there were serious overtures by President Reagan or U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz.

Shultz plans to visit the area in Richard Murpby toured the region this month outlining new peace proposals.

Brzezinski said Shultz could make some progress but the administration's attention would soon be focused on a strategic arms reduction agreement with the Soviet Union.

"He's going to be giving this the back-of-his-hand kind of attention and that will not be sufficient." Brzezinski said. Doing something is better than doing nothing, because otherwise the situation is going to deterio-

But he said that once Shultz got involved the process might gain enough momentum to force him to devote more time to it.

Brzezinski said he hoped an about 10 days and U.S. envoy international conference could be agreed as a long-range solution but that Sbultz must also persuade Israel to take unilateral action, such as elections or some

antonomy for the occupied areas. The issue of the recognition of Israel by the Palestinians would be resolved by the mere fact of negotiations, he said. Israel has said it would not deal with the Palestine Liberation Organisation which does not recognise its existence.

"I don't think it is up to the Israelis to dictate who the Palestinian negotiators are. It is not up to the Palestinians to dictate who are the Israeli negotiators," Brzezinski said. "If each side is willing to negotiate with the other, it constitutes de facto recognition of the other.'

Cypriots vote for change with Kyprianou defeat

NICOSIA (R) - Cypriot voters cent. rejected President Spyros Kyprianou's bid for a third term Sunday, but his replacement will not be known until a run-off election next week. Right-Winger Glafkos Clerides

held a lead throughout votecounting which lasted into early Monday and independent George Vassiliou quickly outpaced Kyprianou. In television interviews Cler-

ides and Vassiliou, who now enter a second round, said Cyprus had voted for change.

Final figures gave Clerides

He came under particular fire for his attitude on the reunifica-

absolute majority required for an outright winner. "I am pleased that democracy has again functioned impeccably ... I will continue to struggle for Cyprus," Kyprianou, who con-

gratulated both candidates, said in a televised interview. Of the two other candidates, Socialist leader Vassos Lyssarides had under 10 per cent of the vote, while independent Thrassos

Some 95 per cent of the 363,000 eligible Greek-Cypriot voters cast compulsory ballots following the most heated campaign since Cyprus gained inde-pendence from Britain 28 years

Kyprianou, 55, who became head of state on the death of the country's first president, Archbishop Makarios, in 1977, was attacked during the campaign for his national and economic

33.34 per cent of the vote, Vassi- tion issue - how to reunite Cypiou 30.09 per cent and Kyprianon rus after it was split in 1974 and 27.47 per cent, well below the Turkish Cypriots declared their own breakaway republic in the northern third of the island five years ago.

Kyprianou, who was elected mopposed in 1978 defeated Clerand called for "more of the same."

Clerides, a 67-year-old lawyer and veteran politican, said he Spyros Kyprianon. would set up a national unity government to deal with the Georgiades had less than one per reunification issue. Vassiliou, 56



united approach to the country's Monday.

Party. But he later ditched his accord with the Communists, who switched their backing to Vassilion for the current poll.

Denktash reserves comments mopposed in 1978 defeated Cler-ides in 1983, defended his policies
Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf
Denktash declined any comment Sunday's first round vote in the Cyprus presidential election which eliminated his arch-rival

I will not make any comment

an urbane economist and self- "Turkish Republic of North Cypmade millionaire, also called for a rus" in 1983, told Reuters

Political sources in north Cyp-Kyprianou won the last pres- rus, however, said the result was idential election with the help of a surprise as Kyptianou generally the powerful Akel Communist bad been expected to contest the

Denktash said last month he believed that none of the other candidates could be "as obstinate, as narrow minded, as intransigent as Kyprianou."

There was no immediate official reaction in Turkey, the only country to recognise the breakaway state declared nine years after Turkish troops secured the northern third of the island foluntil the final election;" De- lowing a coup inspired by the nktasb, who proclaimed the military junta then ruling Greece.

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WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

★ The French Cultural Centre pre-sents: "L'urbanisme Parisien" (nrban policy in Paris) at the Architectural Galiery (until Feb. 18).

the Exhibitions catitled "From Guten-berg to Electronics" and "German Woodcuts from 6 Centuries" at the Jordan University of Science and Tech-nology in Irbid (until Feb. 17).

* "A Photographic and Folk Art Exhibition", organised by the Embassy of Democratic People's Republic of Korea, (until Feb. 18) at Royal Culti-

th Art exhibition about the works of German artist Horst Janssen at the Petra Bank Gallery in Wadi Saqra (until Feb. 26). ☆ An exhibition of plantic art by the University of Jordan's staff at the University.

ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL

A Italian film festival at the Royal Cultural Centre (until Feb. 18). Tonight's film: "Cuore" (Heart) (sub-titled in English) at 8:00 p.m. **CULTURAL CENTRES**

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MUSEUMS The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saluts (Meruson) Tel. 815817, 821264. "Children's Heritage and Science Moseum" Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the

Haya Arts Centre, Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.
Reddore Museum: Jeweiry and continues over 100 years old. Also mossics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 630128.

CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, Tel. 624590, Church of the Ammachatlon (Roman Catholic) Jahul Luwcibdeh, Tel. 637440. 03/440. De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jahol Hussein, Tel. 661757. Terrasanta Church (Roman Catholic), Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian lan-Janal Luweiboth, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Tel: 627366
Church of the Ammeriation (Greek Orthodox) Abdati, Tel. 623541.
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Armenian Orthodox Church Ashratich, Tel. 771331. Armenian Orthodex Church Ashra-fich, Tel. 775261. St. Ephraim Charch (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafich, Tel. 771751. Amaza International Church (Inter-denominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. 67/534, 67/394.

Evangelical Latheran Church (Church of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Arabic Service: Sunday 7 p.m. Rev. N. Smir 811295.

Rainbow Congregation, (meets at the Good Shepherd's Church) Interferonminations, commenced For

Interdenominational ecumenical Ea-glish Service: Saturday 6:30 p.m. Tel. 822605. Rev. Veli.

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Highness Crowo Prince Hassan

who is the chairman of the RSS

The centre's capital will be

divided into 1,000 nominal shares

owned equally by the RSS and

the North Yemeni Investment

and Finance Corporation, Tami-

Apart from the headquarters in

Sanaa, the two sides decided to

set up branches and offices inside

Jordan and North Yemen. The

headquarters will be governed by

a hoard of four directors from

both sides whose number can be

increased in the future, Tamimi

He said that the ceotre will

have its own hye-laws and sta-

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Jordan, North Yemen

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian-North Yemeni

technical centre was established recently for promot-

ing bilateral, technical, and scientific cooperation

and investments in development projects, the Royal

Scientific Society (RSS) announced here Monday.

RSS's deputy president for in-dustrial affairs Arafat Tamimi, private and the public sectors in

technical advice and conduct and Jordan and in implementa-

feasibility studies on various ma- tion of directives hv His Royal

who made the announcement,

said that the two countries have

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Yemeni rival centre which will be

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Tamimi said that the centre will

allow the RSS to carry out re-

search work linked to the de-

velopment process, especially in

industrial fields, and will offer

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The agreement stipulates that

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AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation

from the Lihyan Ministry of

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establish technical centre

North Yemen and Jordan.

The centre will also be empo-

wered to take part in the actual

implementation of projects and

will present studies on setting up

laboratories, or work out prog-

rammes for such projects, largely

related to industry and the trans-

fer of technology. Tamimi noted.

centre came as a result of coop-

eration between North Yemen

UNDP to finance genetic research lab

He said that the creation of the

Jordan spent JD 60m on road construction in 1987

year spent a total of JD 60 million on road construction, up from JD 2 million in 1975, and the total length of roads in the Kingdom now stands at 8,000 kilometres, Minister of Public Works and Housing Shafiq Zawaideh said here Monday.

Addressing a regional meeting of the International Road Transport Union (IRU) in Riyadh. Zawaideh said that Jordan was going ahead with plans and programmes for building roads that will meet the objectives of its development schemes.

He said that during the current 1986-1990 five-year plan the government will build and improve 400 kilometre length of main roads and 300 kilometre length of secondary roads. It will also open 500 kilometre length of agricultural roads with the hope of facilitating the transportation of

The road construction programme, the minister noted, is also aimed at completing a national network of roads that can cater for the needs of agricultural, touristic and demographic needs, and help promote transit operations to facilitate trade transactions among Arab

Studies have shown that nearly 64 per cent of traffic in the Kingdom manifests itself along main roads and highways and 31 per cent on the secondary roads, and that the main highways carry nearly 84 per cent of the total transported goods inside the Kingdom, the minister pointed

Zawaideh referred to the government's new regulations which are designed to reduce damage to roads as a result of heavy axial weights, and said that the new roads are constructed with high quality materials ensuring safety for the vehicles and the public.

Participants from 45 Arah and foreign countries and nearly 1,500 experts oo roads and transportation from different nations are taking part in the conference which will discuss 70 working papers dealing with roads and affiliated issues.

Jordan to take part in Paris tourist exhibition

NEWS IN BRIEF

AMMAN (Petra) — Newly appointed ambassadors to Jordan,

Anthony Reeve of the United Kingdom, and Zoran Popovic of

Yugoslavia. Monday oresented their credeotials at the Royal Court to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, in

the presence of Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri and the secretary general of the Royal

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Tourism Zuhair Al Ajlouni

Monday discussed with Italian Ambassador in Amman Dr. Luigi

Amaduzzi hilateral cooperation in the field of tourism and ways of

bolstering this cooperation. Discussions also centred on organising Italian tourist groups to visit archaeological and historical sites

in Jordan. The two sides also discussed bilateral cooperation in

BAGHDAD (Petra) — Iraqi Education Minister Abdul Qader

Izziddin met here Monday with a Jordanian educational delega-

tion currently visiting Iraq. The two sides reviewed bilateral relations and cooperation in educational fields.

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Industry, Trade and Supply Hamdi Al Tahhaa' Monday reviewed with Iraqi Amhassador io Amman Ghafil Jassim Hussain, trade and economic relations

between Jordan and Iraq. They also discussed increasing the

volume of trade exchange through protocols for economic

MADABA (Petra) — Amman Governor Mohammad Ali Al Amin Monday visited Madaha and met with its district governor

Khalil Khreisat to discuss development projects in the Madaba

district. Khreisat said that he discussed projects included in the

current 1986-1990 five-year plan which entails investing JD 51

million. This year a total of JD 8.59 million will be speot on

projects in the Madaha district. Both Amin and Khreisat later

paid a visit to the Ma'in spa complex which cost JD 13 million.

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan will take part io an international tourist exhibition due to open in Paris Thursday.

The week-long exhibition will display books, pamphlets, documentary films and other material highlighting Jordan's tourist centres and archaeological

A Jordanian delegation group-

Regent receives 2 new envoys

Ajlouni meets with Italian envoy

hotel training field and the exchange of expertise.

Educational team hold talks in Iraq

Tabbaa', Iraqi envoy discuss trade

cooperation signed between the two countries.

Madaba development plan reviewed

ing representatives of various tourist businesses and agencies in Jordan left Monday to handle Jordan's pavilion at the exhibi-

The group represents also Royal Jordanian the national air carrier, the Ministry of Tourism and the Jordan Hotels Associa-

Handicraft centre to open in Salt

AMMAN (Petra-J.T.) — The Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF) in cooperation with the Salt Development Corporation (SDC) has finalised preparations for the opening and operating of a national handicraft ceotre in Salt which bas been set up with the

help of the Italian government. A NHF announcement said that syllabuses, programmes, educational plans and equipment are now ready for the ceotre's operation.

The centre is the first of its kind in the Kingdom to help promote traditional handicrafts, encourage domestic tourism and find employment for local inhabitants. worth of equipment as a gift for the centre which adjoins the Salt Cultural Centre run by the SDC.

REGENT VISITS GHQ: His Royal Bighness Crown Army Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Fathi Abu

Prince Hassan, the Regent, Monday visits the Taleb. The meeting is also attended by a number of army headquarters in Amman and meets with high ranking officers (Petra photo)

The centre was visited last November by Mrs. Mariapia Fanfani, a prominent international relief worker and wife of Italian Interior Minister Amintore Fan-

According to Dr. Eideh Al Mitlag, the NHF's coordinator for the centre's programmes, the Italian government's gift is expected to be increased to \$1.5

The centre, which is expected to open in September 1988, will

in weaving, ceramics and other traditional crafts. It will also help market the products, Mitlag noted.

The NHF will take over the responsibility of supervising the centre and its management and will hold its first training course on Feb. 20, Mitlag added.

She said at least 15 people will be trained in the centre for a period of six months to become instructors. These instructors are expected to offer training to the students later on, a full training course would extend to three

Amman conference discusses

The World Federation of Professor Henry Walton, who is tribute to the information media. no conference can succeed without active participation by the part in the conference.

AMMAN (Petra+J.T.1 - A re- media, which provides the public with information about the deli-

> Walton described the Amman conference as one of the most successful ever held in the Arab

The objective of the four-day

Rain helps farmers in Zarqa

ZARQA (Petra) — Recent rains that fell in the Zarga Governorate have prompted local farmers to sow seeds in 70,000 dunums of land, according to Agriculture Department Director Mohammad Lawzi.

Lawzi said that most of the seeds sown in the governorate were wheat and barley.

Lawzi said that teams from his department last month made 40 tours of agricultural areas to offer guidance to the local farmers on sowing seeds.



Minister of Planning Taher Kanaao (left) and UNDP representative in Jordan Ali Atiqa sign Monday the agreement to establish laboratory for genetic research (Petra photo)

At the signing ceremony, it was Middle East in fields related to different diseases with genetic announced that Chief Chamber-

160 Jordanian doctors to work in Libya

lain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid had taken the initiative towards hringing this project into force.

priorities in medical education

gional conference on medical education continued its meetings at the University of Jordan Monday, with the participants discussing three subjects dealing with relations between medical education and health welfare, different medical educational stages and priorities in medical education.

Medical Education President, attending the conference, paid covering the conference and said. berations.

conference, which opened Sunday, is to form recommendations on reforming medical educatioo based oo local needs, according to Dr. Kandil Sbaker from the organisiog committee.

He said that participants from

various countries in the Eastern Mediterranean region are taking

with 160 Jordanian doctors to be employed in Libyan health centres and hospitals, according to a report in the Al Ra'i Arabic daily

The paper said that the contracts have been coocluded

Health has drawn up contracts contacts with different health ministries in Arab countries to find employment for Jordanian doctors and specialists. Al Ra'i said the doctors will

through the good offices of the

Health Ministry, which maintains

embark on their jobs in Libya next month. The paper also reported Jorda-

oian-North Yemeni talks on the prospect of employing Jordanian doctors in Sanaa and other Yemeni cities. It said that a delegation which

includes Health Ministry representatives has arrived in North Yemen for talks which will also cover the prospect of employing Jordanians in other fields.

ment of Expatriates Director Azmi Al Muhtasseb earlier met

with Saadat and received a mes-

sage detailing the Jordanian com-

munity's activities in the United

Muhtasseb also met with a de-

legation representing Jordanian

expatriates in Saudi Arahia who

Expatriates to open centre in Texas

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian community in the American state of Texas is seeking to set up a centre in Dallas to look after the interests of Jordanian expatri-ates in the American state, and to bolster bridges between them and the motherland.

The project was discussed here Monday by Minister of Labour and Social Development Rashid Ureikat and Hisham Mohammad Saadat, a representative of the Jordanian community in Texas.

Saadat brought the minister a message from the community's chairman Ibrahim Ayed on the question of the Dallas centre

which the Jordanian community plans to establish.

The community, he said, plans to help establish similar centres in other American states.

idea and praised the efforts of the Jordanian expatriates in the United States which he described as "a manifestation of their sense of oational helonging."

government, acting upon directives from His Majesty King Hussein, was providing all facilities

and care for expatriates, The Ministry of Labour and Social Development's Depart-

The minister welcomed the States.

plan to establish a housing The meeting was devoted to discussing facilities to be offered Ureikat said that the Jordaniao

for the expatriates wishing to join the society.

Muhtasseb recently toured the Gulf countries where he discussed expatriates' affairs.

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ENVOY GETS AWARD: Foreign Minister Taher

Al Masri Monday presents the Jordanian Inde-

pendence Medal of the First Order to outgoing Kuwaiti Ambassador to Jordan Ibrahim Al Baho.

The medal was conferred by His Majesty King Hussein. Upon presenting the medal, during an

Jordan, Egypt reaffirm rejection of 'self-rule' plan

region by U.S. special envoys Richard Murphy and Philip Hahib and expectations for the Shultz' visit later, Rifai reiterated Jordan's stand, which is in line with the unified Arab position. that a U.N.-sponsored international peace conference to he attended by all parties involved in the conflict and the U.N. Security Council's five permanent members was the only forum for peace talks.

Referring to the ongoing Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories, the prime minister said it underlined the fact that the state of affairs in the occupied territories had stressed the dire need for moves to attain a peaceful solution.

Rifai said Syria's Golan Heights, which joined the uprising Sunday, was also an occupied Arah land like the West Bank and Gaza and it was natural that its people resist the occupation as the case in other occupied areas.
Syria and the PLO have already rejected the U.S. prop-

Mubarak said Monday he hoped Shultz would come to the voyage."

through an international confer- Kinnock.

the one who purportedly spoke

The JDL was founded in the

early 1960s by New York-born Meir Kahane, now a member of

the Israeli parliament and head of

extremist, auti-Arab Kach party.

viewed in Nicosia said: "It was an

underwater blast caused by a

mine that was stuck, probably by

frogmen, onto the vessel. It was

Asked what the PLO planned

to do after the attack, the official.

who requested anonymity, said:

"We are waiting for a decision by

the command. We have to see if

there is an alternative ship for the

attached to a time fuse."

A senior PLO official inter-

for JDL.

Middle East with plans for a the Arah-Israeli conflict with month, said the Americans did comprehensive, final settlement British opposition leader Neil oot tell him of any specific peace

The president said the uprising "I don't want any initiative to in the West Bank and Gaza fail but any initiative should carry would build up if the Palestinians with it... a just, comprehensive lost confidence in leaders trying settlement in the Middle East," to reach a settlement. to reach a settlement.

Mubarak, who met President Muharak earlier held talks on Reagan in Washington last

In Algiers, a senior aide to the

PLO chief said the organisation

would get another boat for the

voyage. Salah Khalaf, also said

"Zionist terrorism" disabled the

Sol Pbryne.
The PLO had tried to launch

the voyage from Greece, but it

was repeatedly delayed, re-portedly under Israeli pressure.

dreds of international supporters

and journalists were taken in

buses to Athens airport Monday

and were told they would be

flown to Cyprus to board the

Athens, most returned to their

After oews of the blast reached

The 130 deportees plus hun-

'We made it clear that an international conference is essential for any solution and we expressed hopes that any proposals should not carry any wording from Camp David because Camp David is old and dead," he said.

Sol Phryne's captain, Cleanthis

Vlahopoulos, said his vessel

"would not be fit to sail for

A PLO statement issued later

While we have adhered to the

in Nicosia hinted at possible re-

taliation against Israeli targets

Cairo Declaration to halt military

operations against enemy targets

outside the borders of our coun-

try, that was conditional on them

being halted from both sides,"

"It is not logical or possible for

the halt to cootinue unilaterally.

This is a double-edged weapon as

the treacherous terrorist Israeli

the statement said.

enemy is well aware."

several months."

overseas.

PLO defers voyage after ship damaged

U.N. panel slams Israel's policy

official lunch in Baho's honour, the minister paid

tribute to the ambassador for his efforts to promote Jordanian-Kuwaiti relations in all fields. The funch

was attended by Foreign Ministry officials and heads of diplomatic missions in the Kingdom (Petra

U.S. delegate Marshall Breger told the commission after Mooday's vote that Washington was concerned about Israeli policy in the West Bank and Gaza, incloding deportations, indiscriminate beatings and the use of live firearms.

But it had voted against the resolutions because they contained "falsehoods, errors and unacceptable language," Breger

A British move to delete a passage in the Golan Heights resolution saying Israel was not a peace-loving state and had not carried out its obligations under the U.N. Charter was defeated by 23 votes to 12 with eight absten-

The United States failed in an attempt to remove another paragraph from the same resolution.

The paragraph strongly deplored Washington's "negative vote and pro-Israeli position" that prevented the U.N. Security Couocil taking action agaiost israel.

centre like everyone else, amazed by the beauty of a 1929 Morris car. It stood there proudly and successfully challenging the 1980s models as it attracted the atteotion of the passers-by. It was actually the first time for

By Robert Hussein

WAS stopped in Agaba city

me and I would presume for everyone else to come in contact with such a magnificent car. A ootice on the side window was both in Arabic and English to give the curious crowd some in-formation about the car and what it's doing in Jordan. I had a chance to meet both drivers Michael Edward, 57, a photographer and his son David, a sales manager, both British.

"The two drivers, who started their tour around the world on Jan. 1, 1988, left Sydney to Portsmouth — England — then on to France, Switzerland, Italy, Yugoslavia, Greece, Egypt and finally Aqaba.

The next destination will be Bombay, and they expect to finish the tour by the June 15, this year at the Sydney Opera House.

"It took us two years of planning and working on the car in preparation for the challenge. So far it went smoothly with ooly minor engine problems. Once we managed to do 5,500 kilometres without any stops for repairs," Edward commented.

The two adventurers expressed their gratitude to all Jordanians. "Everyone was so kind, they came to us smiling and offering us

"I would like to give special thanks to Mr. Bassam Qaqish,

Touring 1929 Morris passes through Aqaba to go on such a tour on six head of Aqaha region authority, for his hospitality and the shield different routes. The one condition was to conclude the trip hy he presented to us." the end of this year.



Aqaba Region Director Bassam Qaqish (centre) presents a shield to Michael Edward while David Edward looks on (below) The two Edwards pose for a photograph with their 1929 Morris car.



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Time for the olive branch

ISRAEL should assess the fact that the uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip has spilled over to the Israeli-occupied Syrian Golan Heights. Israeli policymakers have always falsely cheered alleged Druze devotion and dedication to the security and welfare of Israel. And now, with the Druze of the Golan Heights joining in the revolt of the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, Israel's dreams of counting on the "allegiance" of the Druze, and of driving a wedge between Arab and Druze, must have been irreparably shattered.

This is the second major setback for Israel in the wake of the popular uprising in the occupied territories, the first being when the Palestinian Arabs within Israel joined forces with their brothers and sisters across the so-called green line and expressed their solidarity with them. The Israeli establishment never entertained the possibility that the events in the West Bank and Gaza would ignite the political consciousness of the Arabs in Israel, and awaken them to the bittersweet fact that they share a common destiny with the Palestinian people wherever they are. And now with the uprising of the Syrian Druze in the Golan Heights in full swing, Israeli policymakers must be having nightmares lest this latest rebellion against Israeli occupation spill over to the Druze of Israel, as well. The Israeli military establishment by now must have second thoughts about manning its forces with the so-called "loyal Druze" soldiers.

We think that Israel is in for more surprises, as long as it clings to the false and short-sighted illusion of crushing the spirit of Palestinianism by brute forces. It is time for Israel to offer an olive branch to the inhabitants of the occupied Arab territories, and to start a peace process in earnest in our region. Otherwise, the entire political and social fabric of Israel is destined for slow but sure disintegration.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Jordan strengthens summit achievements

AS King Hussein continues his tour in Europe which took him France, West Germany and Austria, Frime Minister Zaid Rifai made a visit to Damascus aimed at maintaining the spirit of the Amman Arab summit beld last November and Arab solidarity. Rifai who went to Damascus and will visit Baghdad, Cairo and Riyadh in the course of this initiative will try to belp the Arab Nation safeguard the outcome of the Amman summit which is being threatened by external forces. Rifai's visit to Damascus was also to brief the Syrian leaders on the outcome of the King's tour so far in European countries and his talks with their leaders. The outcome was good and was reflected in the all-out support for Arab just causes and a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict through an international conference. The current uprising in the occupied Arab lands came to add significance to the situation in the region, and to underline the need for a speedy solution for the Palestinian problem. The King's tour complemented by Rifai's visits in Arab countries are both designed to belp the Arabs maintain their solidarity and their consensus achieved at their Amman summit in the face of the present challenges and threats.

Al Dustour: Europe supports peace conference

IN his talk with Arab diplomats accredited to Austria King Hussein said that European leaders had expressed favourable response to Arab demands for an international conference to end the Arab-Israeli conflict and to solve the Palestine problem. In fact, this European response is a great gain for the Arabs, and came about as a fruit of the King's endeavours on the international scene; Europe's support at this stage assumes an added significance as it comes amidst continued resistance in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and amid reports of a new U.S. peace initiative. The ongoing uprising will make any talk about aborting the proposed international conference meaningless. Europe's support for the Arabs in their endeavour to achieve peace bound to make the Americans more realistic and refrain from swimming against the current. The Amman summit meeting created the opportune atmosphere for inter-Arab cooperation and consensus, and paved the ground for fruitful cooperation with Europe and the world at large for ending the Arab-Israeli conflict and bring about the

Sawt Al Shaab: King wins Europe's support

THE King's current tour abroad has won Jordan added supoport and backing from world leaders and enhanced the inter-Arab action for convening an international conference to end the Arab-Israeli conflict. The King's meeting yesterday with the beads of Arab missions in Vienna is yet one more step in his long and serious efforts here and abroad to coordinate the efforts of the Arab countries towards achieving peace in the Middle East region. As the King continues his efforts abroad the uprising inside the occupied Arab territory continues to gain momentum and has now spread to the occupied Syrian Golan Heights where the people came out in force to confront the Israeli forces. The uprising has given the world a new outlook at the Palestinian problem and King Hussein has focused the world nations' attention on the Palestinian plight. It is now for the Arab countries to pursue these efforts on all fronts and try to ensure the convening of an international conference that can find a just solution for the Palestinian people's problem.

Promised land: Whose land?

By Cathal O'Connor

a Jew. My maternal grandmother's family, I am now informed, arrived in this country in the Seventeenth Century as Italian Jewish immigrants. They prospered in the City, and one of them became broker to Britain's first prime minister, Sir Robert Walpole. And because under the Israeli Law of Return anyone whose maternal grandmother was Jewish is deemed to be a Jew, I could emigrate to Israel

The news was traumatie. My immediate reaction was one of intense pride. To be of the people who, during the last century, have spawned such great men as Einstein Epstein, and Freud, not to mention Koestler, Marx, and Menuhin, warmed my heart. After sober thought, however, a nagging doubt: what about Israel? For in my youth I lived for some years in that lovely little land, and what I see happening there now saddens and revolts

When I left university in the

Thirties, I was persuaded by a friend of my father's, who was a nabob in the Foreign Office, and perhaps the most well known non-Jewish Zionist in Britain, to let him use his contacts with the Crown Agents to secure for me a position in the Mandatory British Government in Palestine. I arrived in the Holy Land in 1936, convinced that I should do my best to support the Zionist cause. As we came ashore from our ship at Haifa, we heard of an incident that had occurred that very morning, in the open air Arab market in the middle of the city. A Jewish "activist" had holwith explosives, and rolled it into the centre of the market, where Arab — and Jewish — bousewives were busy shopping. As we

I HAVE just discovered that I'm ing up the bloody remnants of Arabs, and even individual Jews the back of a lorry. We were told that more than 40 poor souls had been blown to pieces, and many more injured.

Arabs betrayed

Although Jewish immigrants both legal and illegal - had been able to settle in Palestine since the end of the first World War. the influx of refugees greatly increased when the Nazis came to power in Germany. And by the at home. It appeared that in spite time I arrived, the Palestinians had become very worried about their future. After all, during the first World War the Allies had made solemn promises to the Arabs that when the war ended, they would soon gain self-government and independence. With this sudden mass immigration of Jews the Palestinians' hope of regaining their nationhood seemed gravely threatened.

The result of this fear was, insurprisingly, the creation of a spirit of revolt. Some young Arabs began to attack their new Jewish neighbours in the cities, and others took to the hills as armed bands, and started to swoop down briefly to attack police barracks or Jewish settlements.

The Palestine government, which had long seen the inevitablity of such a scenario, was nevertheless impotent to do much about it. Not only was there a shortage of police and troops, but its actions were strictly controlled by an administration in London strongly influenced by the Zionist

lobby. (After all, at any one time, there are always some fifty or so lowed ont a pumpkin, filled it Jewish MPs in Parliament; there are no Arabs). The Jews were fully prepared for internecine warfare, and organisations such as the Irgun Zvi Leumi and the Stern Gang were soon at work the way to Jerusalem, we saw the murdering British officials, police Although at the ontbreak of the

men, women and children into who refused to support the extreme Zionist cause.

> So when I was sent off to travel around the country to familiarise myself with its people, I expected anything but a welcome from either community. To my amazement, the headmen in the Arab villages sat me down to a juicy repast of spit-roasted lamb, washed down with Haig whisky, while the leaders of the Jewish settlements made me feel equally of the troubles, in the depths of the countryside Arab and Jewish communities were continuing to cohabit harmoniously. They not

guerrillas agreed on a truce while the war lasted - neither side wished for a German victory --- as soon as news of the holocaust broke upon a horrified world, mass illegal immigration of Jews from Germany and her satellites presented innumerable problems

for our Palestine administration. At one point Hitler proposed to release one million Jews from the camps in Germany and other countries the Nazis had invaded, if the still neutral U.S. would take them. America agreed at once. But the Zionists' Jewish Agency in Jerusalem — which controlled the policy of the Jewish community — refused to cooperate, and insisted that all European Jews only traded with each other, they must come to Palestine.

"A professor of ancient history at Tel Aviv University recently said that the Ashkenazi Jews, who have ruled present-day Israel since its birth. have no Semitic or Hebrew connections, but are the descendants of a Caucasian tribe called the Khazars, who converted to Judaism in the eighth century AD. Arthur Koestler said that 90 per cent of world Jewry were not Semites. Perhaps this is the main reason why Israeli governments have had so little empathy with the Palestinians."

even joined one another's religious festivals.

Past coexistence

Finally I came to Tiberius, the once Roman city on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. When most of the Jewish population had been exiled from Palestine by the Romans in A.D. 70, some religious communities had evaded eviction. Their descendants in Tiberius now comprised nearly half the inhabitants and the communities had become so integrated that the mayor was one year an Arab, the next a Jew.

The situation was not to last long. police and troops busily shovell- and soldiers, large cumbers of last war both Arab and Jewish

The Jewish Agency's extremism not only condemned hundreds of thousands of Jews to death, it brought mayhem to Palestine. Ships crammed with

illegal immigrants arrived off the

coast, only for most of them to be

turned away. Our government was in a cleft stick. The Mandate decreed that we give priority to the indigenous. population; our hearts went out to the refugees. The end result, accelerated by Britain's fear that she might be seen to share the guilt for the holocaust, was the scuttling of our responsibilities towards the Palestinians, tearing

up of the Mandate, and the

As we sailed home, none of us doubted what would follow. Huge imports of arms from America, combined with a ruthless policy carried out by leading terrorists - such as Begin and Shamir and their gangs — led to the extermination of whole and the flight of more than 1,750,000 Palestinians from their homeland. As a result, the Jews were able to seize territory not allotted to them under the U.N. partition agreement, and Israel finally occupied more than two

thirds of Palestine. History will record the inhumanity, not to mention the idiocy, of Israel'a neo-Nazi policy since the birth of the new state. How in spite of unqualified support from America and much of the rest of the world she has managed to alienate her friends by her arrogance, encourage Palestinian resistance by ruthless oppression in the occupied territories and has now become so much despised by the organisation that was midwife to her birth that its members have voted unanimously to condemn her.

A ghetto state

Unless the state is to degenerate into a bankrupt ghetto, with a growing net immigration loss (thousands of Israelis leave for America every year, and 80 per cent of Russian Jews leaving the Soviet Union do not come to Israel) mounting warfare in the occupied territories, and the possibility of invasion by her surrounding Arab neighbours, Israel must surely cease behaving like an evil theocratic oligarchy and become the civilised democracy she now absurdly claims to be.

Although today, with increasing violence in the occupied territories, the two communities seem as far apart as ever, there is some abrupt flight from the country of hope. Many leading Israeli

government, police, and soldiers. academics are now convinced of the need to recognise the rights of the Palestinians. Moshe Menuhin, a prominent Israeli historiau. and father of our Sir Yehndi, says that "the Palestinians are the descendants of the Camanites, Persians, Greeks, Romans, Crusaders, and Turks, and are the populations of terrified villages aboriginal inhabitants of the country."

The people who were later to be called Palestinians built one of the first of the world's great civilisations. Compared with their record, the invasion by the tribes ; of Israel, whose hegemony over the land lasted a brief 300 years, provides little evidence to support Zionist claims to ownership of the land today.

Further, a professor of ancient history at Tel-Aviv University recently said that the Ashkenazi Jews, who have ruled present-day Israel since its birth, have no semitic or Hebrew connections, but are the descendants of a Cancasian tribe called the Khazars, who converted to Judaism in the Eighth Century A.D. Arthur Koestler said that 90 per cent of world Jewry were not semites. Perhaps this is the main reason why Israeli governments have had so little empathy with the

The only solution to the Middle East problem which has hung around the world's neck like an albatross for fifty years, is for the election of a government in Israel agreeable to an international conference which would possibly construct some sort of condominium in what the extreme Zionists now call Greater Israel where the occupied territories would be returned to their inhabitants, where every man and woman, Arab or Jew, would have a vote, where Jersualem would be shared, not divided, and where the undeniable talents of both peoples could create a peaceful and prosperous nation - The

Reagan legacy clouded on ethics in government

By Christopher Hanson

Reuter WASHINGTON — President

With the U.S. attorney general under investigation, a formersenior White House aide convicted for illegal lobbying and indictments in the Iran-contra scandal expected soon, the administration's ethics are under a cloud of suspicion as Reagan en-

ters his last months in power. More than 100 senior officials have been accused of unethical or illegal conduct since Reagan took

office in 1981. Several, including former Labour Secretary Raymond Donovan, who was tried on fraud charges, and ex-National Security Advisor Richard Allen, who was accused of taking illegal gifts, have been cleared of any wrongdoing. But the record still shocks many independent observers.

"We are facing a crisis in ethical standards unmatched since the days of Watergate," Susan Manes of Common Cause, a non-partisan lobby for honesty in government, told Reuters.

most corrupt administrations Ronald Reagan says be hopes his ever. Whether measured by the administration will be remem- rank or sheer numbers of officials bered for its high moral stan- who have come under ethical spicion and criminal investigation, the amount of sleaze is awesome."

Not everyone agrees. Burton Yale Pines of the conservative Heritage Foundation said: "The Reagan administration has been very honest. It's very difficult to get 2,000 political appointees and to be able to vouch for the behaviour of all of

He said many allegations of misconduct have not stood up under investigation. Accusations alone are not proof of guilt.

What bothers critics is that Reagan has seemed nonchalant or oblivious to the string of charges. Commenting recently on his historical legacy, he told reporters: "I hope the imprint will be one of high morality."

Democrat Mark Green, who heads the Liberal Democracy Project think-tank in New York, said Reagan had to be joking. Independent counsel James

McKay is investigating allega-The New York Times declared tions that Attorney General

in a recent editorial: "President Edwin Meese, the nation's top prison sentence, is the first per-Reagan presides over one of the law enforcement official, knew of son ever convicted of influencea plan by close friend E. Robert Wallach, now under indictment for fraud, to pay off some Israelis as part of an Iraqi oil pipeline

> The line was not built and Meese denies any wrongdoing, predicting be will be cleared. McKay has suspended an earlier investigation of Meese for his alleged role in an influence peddling scandal concerning the Wedtech corporation. Investigators say the probe could be re-

vived if Wallach or his associates provide evidence against Meese. Lobbying, Lobbying

Last week Lyn Nofziger, a long-time Reagan aide, was found guilty of illegally lobbying Meese on behalf of Wedtech. He was also convicted of lobbying White House staffers on behalf of aircraft manufacturer Fairchild Industries and a union that sought more civilian jobs on navy

Nofziger, who is seeking to overturn his criminal conviction that carries a maximum six-year

peddling under the 1978 ethics in government law. The statute was adopted as part of the reforms

embarrassment for the White House, already hit by the perjury conviction last December of former deputy chief of staff Michael Deaver, a close friend of Reagan and his wife Nancy. Independent counsel Lawrence

Walsh is probing possible crimes in a White House plan, exposed in 1986, to divert profits from Iran arms sales to Nicaraguan contra rebels in violation of a congressional ban on rebel aid.

Those under investgation include former National Security Adviser Admiral John Poindexter, his predecessor, Robert McFarlane, their ex-aide Lieutenant Colonel Ofiver North and several of their private associates. Earlier Reagan administration misconduct cases included:

- Ex-Deputy Defence Secretary Paul Thayer, who resigned in

giving false testimony in an insider trading scheme and obstructing;

- C. McClain Haddow, former top health and human serstemming from the Watergate vices official, who pleaded guilty last autumn to illegally receiving His case represented another .\$55,000 from a foundation he set up while in government.

- Former Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) official Rita Lavelle, who was sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$10,000 for lying about EPA activities.

Many convicted

So many Reagan lieutenants have been convicted or have resigned under a cloud that some critics are comparing the administration with others now remembered largely for scandal — those of Ulysses Grant, Warren Harding and Richard Nixon.

Duke University presidential scholar James Barber told Reuters the Reagan administration looked especially bad because it combined financial improprieties of the sort that plagued Grant and Harding with far more se-1984 and later pleaded guilty to rious Iran-contra abuses that

struction of justice, illicit shredding of documents and lying to Congress, ultimately drove Nixon to resign in 1974.

Pines of Heritage denied that the Reagan team had been more corrupt than Democratic administrations, including those of Harry Truman and Lyndon

He gave two reasons for the relatively long list of allegations and improprieties under Reagan: Reagan had served nearly eight rears, longer than any president since Eisenhower left office, and the ethics in government act held the Reagan team to an all-time

high standard of behaviour. But Manes of Common Cause blamed Reagan for not setting an example by expressing outrage at

wrongdoing by his aides.

She said his administration had an "anything goes" attitude. The cost of running for office had attracted wealthy lobbyists and fund-raisers to Washington, where there now was too much money and too few standards, she

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RacismrisinginFrance

By Galina Vromen

AMSTERDAM - Racism and violence against immigrants has increased sharply in France and is likely to worsen in the future, the Anne Frank Foundation said in a report Feb. 14.

It blamed right-wing presiden-tial candidate Jean-Marie le Pen and his National Front Party for fuelling hatred and accused other parties of doing little to counter

"Open aggression against foreigners is the order of the day,"

the report said, "The political climate for immigrants, refugees, for anyone seen as a 'foreigner' in France has years," said the 84-page report "Racism in France" by the foundation which monitors anti-Semit-

ism and racism worldwide. "The climate... is likely to worsen still further," it concluded.

Le Pen is campaigning for presidential elections in April on an auti-immigrant platform that calls for "France for the French" and blames a foreign influx for French unemployment_

In an election meeting on Feb. 12 night le Pen called on schools to limit the number of immigrant children in each class so that French pupils were not penalised.

The report said neither other right-wing parties nor the left had done enough to curb le Pen's influence and predicted he will win about nine to 10 per cent of the presidential vote. The report said other right-

wing presidential candidates who needed the votes of le Pen's supporters in a second ballot were reluctant to speak out. "When the situation is such

that the right coalition needs the support of le Pen to stay in power or win the presidential election, the fear is there that they will worsened considerably in recent accept the support of the National Front," the report said. The foundation also criticised the centre-right government of

Prime Minister Jacques Chirac

for tightening restrictions on immigrants, "The Socialist leadership above all has wanted to prevent le Pen from being viewed as a victim. Therefore the Socialist Party has been extremely reticent about taking part in demonstrations against le Pen," the report said.



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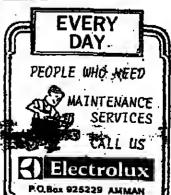
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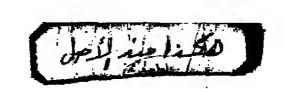
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700 desert miles in 30 days

By Rami G. Khouri

WHEN THE troops of Sherif Hussein of Mecca, the greatgrandfather of King Hussein, launched the Great Arab Revolt in 1916, they received some operational assistance from a flamboyant Englishman who would be known thereafter as Lawrence of Arabia.

After retiring from the British army, Lawrence gave an account of the experience in his famous book, The Seven Pillars of Wisdom. In the decades since then, the accuracy of some of his facts has been questioned by more than one historian.

Now, at least one aspect of Lawrence's travels in Jordan, where most of his exploits took place, bas been effectively tested: how long it actually takes to cross a desert stretch on camelback.

Last year, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the death of Lawrence, four young British soldiers of the Royal Green Jackets Regiment embarked on retracing his footsteps through the deserts and mountains of Jordan.

They gave themselves a month to ride the 1,000 miles that Lawrence covered during his 1917-18 camel trek with the Arab Hashemite forces.

In the end, the four Britishers did not track the full distance, but in 30 days they completed a total of 700 miles. In the process, they not only found out about camel mileage per day, but also learned much about the natural beauty and simple human graces of life in the vast expanses of the Arabian

Like others who visit the area, they also learned that the traditional life-style of the nomadie bedouins in their great black tents is slowly disappearing — that, increasingly, Jordan's desert dwellers are taking up residence in settled villages, within easy access to water, schooling, medic-

al care and joh opportunities. Expedition leader Captain Charles Blackmore, 27, at first thought of making the journey quickly in Land Rover jeeps, but opted instead for a month-longcircuit on camelback, to more faithfully replicate Lawrence's actual movements.

In 1984, he and nine of his mates had walked 400 miles in the. mountains of northern Spain, reenacting their regiment's famous "retreat to Corunna" during the war against Napoleon in December 1808.

Looking for another adventure that would combine history with a physically and mentally demanding test of desert endurance. Blackmore felt that duplicating Lawrence's camel trek on the 50th anniversary of his death would meet both criteria. After a year of planning and preparation - with assistance for the expedition provided by British Airways,

Rothmans, and the Jordanian Armed Forces and Desert Police - he and his three regimental mates were ready to go.

Starting from Wadi Rum

On Feb. 14, with six camels, two bedouin guides, survival rations — and some astronavigation equipment for safe measure they set off from the Wadi Rum desert in south Jordan.

A month later, on March 14, they rode back into Wadi Rum a little thinner, a lot fitter, and immeasurably wiser in the ways of men, camels and life in the desert, where the glint in a man's eye and the humour in his heart can be as important as the surefootedness and endurance of his

Their itinerary took them from Wadi Rum north to Jafr, then on past the Bayir wells to Azraq (where they slept in the same ancient castle room that had served as Lawrence's field headquarters in north Jordan). From Azraq, they continued northwest to Mafraq, where they turned south along a ronte that followed the Hejaz Railway, past Qatranch down to Hasa. Here, they veered west to Tafileh, then south to Shobak, Petra, Sadaqa, Ras Al-Naqab and, finally, back to Wadi Rum

They had hoped to cover 30-35 miles a day, but in fact averaged 20, walking or riding their camels unusually cold winter weather sert. and by the occasional sandstorms that reduced visibility to less than ten metres.

The reluctance of the camels to be pushed, unaccustomed as they are these days to rigorous tests of endurance, was another hindrance. There was also the penchant of the guides to stick to the gentle pace of life in the desert a tendency that became increasingly welcome, bowever, as the days passed.

None of the four Englishmen had ever ridden a camel before. which meant sore backs and stomach muscles the first few days. Nevertheless, by the third day, the soldiers were handling the camels with a facility that elicited much respect, though a few chuckles, from their hedouin guides.

The daily rontine, which began with a dawn wake-up and tea, consisted of four morning hours of trekking, with a break for tea and bread and a rest for the camels around 10:00 a.m., followed by another four or five hours of travelling, and finally dinner and camp-out at sunset. In a few towns along the way,

they bought fresh onions, olives,

bread and tinned meat to supplement the sparse rations they carried. On the trail, they learned to identify and dig out small, edible desert plants, and to chew the salty leaves of an indigenous bush that has fortified desert travellers since the dawn of history.

The camels, also foraging for food, nibbled the tough green leaves of the scattered bushes and small trees that dot the desert landscape. As for water, there were enough springs, wells. streams and the occasional Jordanian desert police post along the way. And never once did any of the men complain of stomach

Feasting at Petra

The culinary highlight of the entire trip occurred during their one-night stop at a cave in Petra, the ancient rock-cut capital of the Nabataeans. There, another Englishman who has left his mark on southern Jordan, the former General Manager of Petra Forum Hotel, Bill Eve, suddenly appeared with bottles of champagne and a sumptuous mansef meal of chicken and rice.

They slept in lightweight, windproof one-man tents called Bivi Bags, which bad been donated to the expedition by their manufacturer. Survival Aids.....

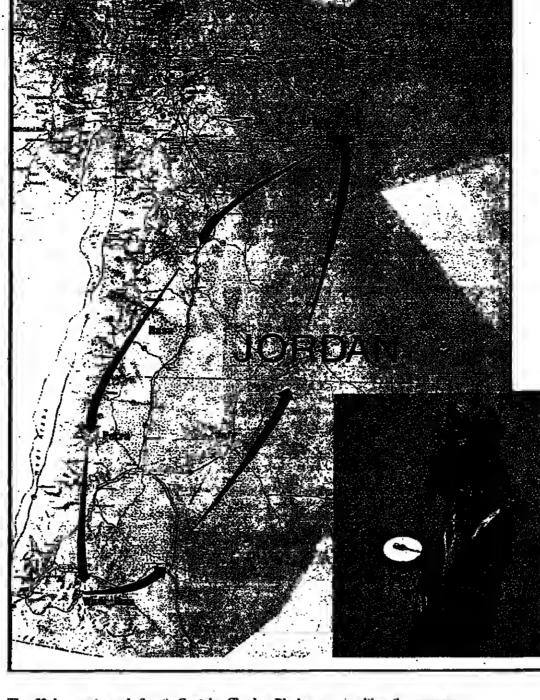
The two-bedonin gnides, Mobammad Musa and Hamad Awad, slept on more customary beds - grain bags, with sheepshetween sunrise and sunset. kins and hlankets to ward off the Their pace was slowed by the winter night and cold of the de-

Captain James Bowden, 24, who was unable to overcome his dislike for camels walked as much as he rode. He remembers that for the first three days, "we were almost constantly hungry, hot and tired, and sometimes felt a bit light-headed. But hy the fourth day, we had adjusted, and from then on never did we miss Western food or other amenities of modern life."

In many places, they followed the ancient routes that camel caravans had once used to transport spices, frankincense, myrrh and other valued commodities from India and southern Arahia to the markets of Syria, Egypt and Rome.

"The trails always avoided hills and stayed near water sources on the flat terrain," Blackmore noted. "Whenever we thought we were bopelessly lost, our guides had the amazing ability always to know where we were on the map and bow we would get to the next destination point."

Occasionally, however, the mysterious workings of the desert mind baffled the Englishmen, who could not understand why they travelled over a certain hill



The 30-day route and (inset) Captain Charles Blackmore consulting the compass.

instead of around it, or why Mohammad Musa chose one campsite over another.

They finished the jonmey with deep respect and affection for their two guides and the many bedouin families they had encountered en route.

The experience also gave them a heightened appreciation for the qualities of endurance, patience, laughter and mercy that the desert breeds in its dwellers.

"Mohammad Musa is a nohle warrior of extremely sharp mind," Blackmore remarked. "After a few days, he had us all figured out and sent us into great fits of laughter as he mimicked liked or tried to mount our camels."

Rifleman Mark West, 22, called the Jordanian Bedouins he encountered, "the most friendly and kind people I have ever met. "It's sad that their life-style is slowly disappearing." Blackmore, recalling the bedonin readiness to forgive and forget after an argument, added: "We were privileged to spend a month living and travelling with the bedou. They are truly nature's gentlemen."

Impressed by bedouin life

Bandsman Christopher Selly, 22, a trumpet player wbo fashioned a flute from hamboo will long remember the "simplieity of life" in the desert.

"The hedou life-style is absence of the many nagging aspects of our urban societies." he said. "There is a strong sense of utter unworldliness in the desert, with little importance attached to material values. Even the few poor families we met would invite us to share their

food and homes." Bowden also commented on the gregarious spirit of the bedown, saying that the older men and women especially bad "a tremendous capacity for talk and conversation, which we unfortunately lack in the West. It breeds an enquiring mind, an energy of intellect applied to discussion, debate and negotiation, that is impressive. Even the smallest incident or experience would remain in the mind for days and weeks, to be recalled and talked about many times over."

Parting at the end of the journey was perhaps the hardest part for the four Englishmen. When they neared their final destination in Wadi Rum, they stretched out their last day as long as possible, trying to postpone the inevitable moment of departure. "We were genuinely sad to leave the desert." Blackmore recalls, "and our most moving experience was when Mohammad and Hamad embraced us half a dozen times in farewell. I had to turn my face away. My eyes were wet, and I felt as if I had a brick in my throat. It had been such a rare present to 10,000 by 1992, when

privilege - to spend a month living and travelling in the Jordanian desert, experiencing the traditional graces of a vanishing life-style that will not be around for much longer."

The transition into another way of life for the bedon was demonstrated most forcefully in the contrast between parents and children --- as in the case of Mohammad Musa himself, whose oldest son wants to become a commercial pilot.

The older bedomin generation, although less educated than the young, never ceased to demonstrate their own accumulated wealth of knowledge. Frequently, camel caravan to point out scatters of pottery shards on the ground, correctly identifying them as Roman in date. "I had studied archaeology myself," said Blackmore, "hut could never match Mohammad's keen eve."

The trip also had its lighter moments. At Petra, a group of French tourists thought the four hlonde, hlue-eyed men in Arah dress and riding camels were members of the ethnic Druze community of north Jordan. The tourists dutifully snapped away with their cameras, pleased to have captured on film what they thought was a colourful slice of the Jordanian citizenry.

South of Tafila village, they were detained for two hours by and played it during the journey, an off-duty Jordanian officer, who became suspicious of the four foreigners wearing Arab garb and taking pictures (as it perhaps most impressive for the turned out) in the vicinity of a restricted area. When the misunderstanding was straightened out by the post commander, the four Englishmen were offered bountiful cups of tea and "a thousand apologies" from officer and commander alike.

The camels, who each carried a load of over 350 pounds, were not above playing games with their povice riders. Blackmore's camel

once galloped a fair distance across the desert with a startled captain hanging on for dear life, having only half mounted the saddle. On another occasion, after one of several camel races across wide flat desert stretches and perhaps reacting unkindly to defeat. Blackmore's beadstrong dromedary raced out of control in wide circles, to the consternation of its rider and the great amuse-

ment of all the others. Mark West's camel also generated a certain forced respect by occasionally rising to a sudden stand as West was trying to mount the saddle, mevitably leaving the Englishman sprawled flat

Though the expedition was not undertaken specifically to verify or refute Lawrence's account of his travels, the experience sug-gests that some aspects of his exploits may have been slightly overblown. Blackmore says that after a few days on the trail they inevitably started to compare their own trek with descriptions of the same journey in The Seven Pillars of Wisdom.

Lawrence recounts making the trip on camelhack between Jafr and Bayir (43 miles as the crow flies) in under nine hours, while it took the Englishmen two and a half days to cover the same distance along the same route. According to the experienced opinion of their bedouin guides, a good rider could do it at best in one and a half days, but certainly no less.

"In the end," Blackmore notes, "Lawrence was his own witness. Clearly, there is some exaggeration in at least that account of his adventures."

What will the Royal Green Jackets do now for an encore? "Next year, we'd like to try a ,000-mile trek across the Sahara Desert, from Mauritania to

Egypt," Blackmore says.
"We've been bitten by the desert." - The Jordan magazine.

Homelessness on the rise in the U.S., other countries

By Arthur Spiegelman

NEW YORK - A walk through New York's Port Authority bus terminal, the entry point for tens of thousands of commuters, tells part of the story.

A man with a briefcase under his arm steps over sleeping human beings. He avoids side stairways because there are too many bodies lying on cardboard covered by filthy hlankets.

An elderly woman, her clothes patchwork of someone else's discards, thrusts her hand in his face and bellows: "I'm hungry." He strides past derelicts, broken men with bottles in brown hags before reaching his taxi line.

Like many cities around the world, New York is in the midst of a crisis, its streets resembling a war zone of homelessness and helplessness

Almost 100,000 New Yorkers from the mentally deranged to the elderly to young mothers are homeless and helpless. Soaring rents, deciding housing stock, arson, tragedy, drugs and government indifference have contributed to the problem.

Homeless children stuck in stinking hotels play in streets near the bus station, mingling with drug addicts and pimps.

The situation is worsening in the United States, where an estimated three million people are bomeless or inadequately housed. A survey of Reuter correspondents shows the problem is serious in other rich countries as well as in Third World countries where internal migration makes homelessness endemic.

United Nations figures say that globally one in four persons is either homeless or living at the

Some countries, like Sweden and Japan, seem to have the problem under control, the Renter survey found. Among the hard-hit industrial

countries is Britain, where the Char housing campaign for single people group says nearly three million are homeless or on the edge of homelessnes

London has 65,000 homeless. with 2,500 living ontdoors. Others live in night shelters, hostels, very bad conditions or in temporary places.

"The situation of homelessness Britain has been getting worse and worse in the past few years,'

Char spokesman said. "The image of the homeless as Nowadays young people and women are affected," he added.

The homeless these days in Britain, as elsewhere, include people who lost their jobs, could not pay their mortgages, young people rejected by their parents and a small number of people discharged from psychiatric hospitals, Char said.

West Germany, no serious problem

By contrast, West Germany. Europe's richest nation, regards homelessness as a problem but not a serious one.

Heinrich Huebener, a government expert on social affairs, said there were 100,000 registered homeless people, and 600,000 to 800,000 inadequately housed in a population of 61 million. In the Soviet Union, homeless-

ness, like johlessness, officially does not exist. People do not sleep in the streets, partly be-cause of the cold and partly because the police would quickly arrest them. Nevertheless, the Soviet Union

bas "hidden homelessness." While waiting years for small state flats, people often live with their parents or share communal

Young people who leave home face a drifting existence of sleep-

ing on friends' floors. Some live in illegally sublet flats owned by private landlords who charge high

Another problem arises when people do not have a resident permit for the city of their choice. Moscow and other big cities are full of people from the provinces living illegally, without a home or the chance to work officially.

Sweden's homeless problem is minimal, thanks to advanced social welfare programmes and the dangers posed by freezing Nordic winters that make street survival almost impossible.

The Stockholm social services department says it is very rare for authorities to fill 50 emergency bed spaces.

Circling in warmth

If worse comes to worst, Stockholm's homeless can get a hus pass ensuring relative warmth while circling in the night.

The Polish government denies existence of any homeless and there are no official statistics. But Catholic church sources say there may be up to 200,000.

In big cities the church runs hostels, which the state subsi-dised without admitting the bomeless exist. Experts say Poland's homeless include ex-convicts, old people, divorcees and alcoholics. The problem is made more acute by a housing crisis with people waiting up to 15 years

In May 1986, the Polish authorities said Poland would donate 5,000 sleeping bags and blankets to New York's homeless. The gift was not sent because the U.S. imposed high tariffs. The offer angered many Poles who saw it as a propaganda gesture.

Rome houses Italy's

In Italy the homeless problem centres in Rome, where an estimated 2,000 people literally live on the street. Many more Italians and foreigners — mostly North-ern Africans — do not have permanent homes, but precise figures are unavailable.

Many of Rome's street people are similar to New York's "hag people" and are known as barbo-(long beards).

They wander the streets by day and sleep on train station benches or at a 100-bed shelter run hy a church relief group.

A study late last year refuted some stereotypes about street people. For many, joblessness, eviction from low-rent flats, old age or illness led to bomelessness.

In Tokyo, the ranks of street people were reduced sharply over the last decade, hut Japan's homeless seem different from those in other industrial nations, sociologists say.

Most of those on Tokyo streets are rural people who moved to the capital seeking work during the economic boom of the 1960s and 1970s, said Tetsusei Matsuzawa, a historian at Tokyo

Women's University. They work when they can get odd jobs, and sleep on the streets when they have no money. They tend to take better care of themselves than their Western counterparts.

Huddling under bridges or in parks and underground stations. the tired figures of about 150 men shuffle towards salvation army trucks for a meal of curried meat and rice.

Warmed up and with full stomachs, they complain, even joke, about the tough life on the streets.

"Would you marry me and take care of me?" one asks a woman reporter. "The life is very tough with no job and such a cold wind.

"My family would never forgive me for living this way," said another man, as he turned away.

North Cyprus looks to tourism to boost economy

By John Owen-Davies

NICOSIA - Offering snn-dren-ched beaches and relies of ancient

settlements, the breakaway Turkish Republic of North Cyprus (TRNC) anticipates record numbers of tourists this year to boost its hard-pressed economy. Officials say the 1988 target is

175,000 tourists, compared with a record 160,000 last year, mainly from Turkey hnt with sizeable numbers from European Community (EC) countries. "It is envisaged that tourism

will be the most important sector in our economy. Our new economie programme envisages all necessary measures to be taken for the tourism sector," said Ahmet Baysal of the state planning organisation.

Officials say the administration plans to increase the number of tourist beds from about 4,400 at

300,000 visitors are expected.

Long-term leases

Potential developers are offered long-term leases of public land, duty-free import of building equipment and machinery, tax incentives and profit repatriation. A big tourist attraction is

the use of the rapidly-declining Turkish lira - a good beachfront hotel costs around 25,000 lira (\$24) a night — although this is beld largely responsible for infla-tion, running last year at a provisional 43 per cent.

Turkish Cypriots unilaterally declared the TRNC in 1983, nine years after Turkish troops invaded and secured the northern third of Cyprus after a coup inspired by the military junta

then ruling Greece. Its economy has been kept affoat with cash injections by Turkey, the only country to officially recognise it.

which Baysal said drew in a net income of \$48.5 million in 1986, is air transport.

Neither of the TRNC airports. Ercan and Gecitkale, are recognised as international and the only air link with the outside world is through Turkey on planes chartered from Turkish

Economie woes date back to 1963 at the start of a decade of hitter inter-communal strife. "We lost everything... We had

no trade, no industry, no commerce," TRNC leader Rauf Denktash told Reuters. "We were huyers from Greek

merchants and sellers to Turkish

Cypriots. In order to buy from Greek merchants we had to put hard currency which we borrowed from Turkey into the central bank of Cyprus which the Greeks had taken over," he said. Greek Cypriots say they de-

veloped much of the original

One drawhack to tourism, tourist infrastructure before the partition of the island. Light industry

> Apart from tourism, the other bright spot on the economie horizon is light industry.

Baysal said there were 460 industrial units producing a range of goods and items from tobacco. paper and textiles to chemicals in 1986, compared with 270 in 1975. · He said 45 per cent of the TRNC's exports go to Turkey and another 45 per cent to European countries, mainly Britain. The rest ends up in the Middle East.

"All economists recommend me to adopt the issuing of our own currency." Prime Minister Dervis Eroglu told Reuters.

"In order to take this step we need firm securities and hard currency stock reserves. We are trying to create these conditions... But at the present moment I can say we are not quite ready for it."



Breaking a camp at dawn in Petra

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Soviets take early lead in medal tally; 'Flying Finn' leaps to grab gold in 70 metres; E. German Mey tops speed skating

Weather plays cat-and- mouse with Calgary Winter Games

CALGARY (Agencies) — Winter Olympics' orga- kilometre cross country race in which they were fielding four nisers were gazing anxiously into the Rockies at the snow-covered peak of Mount Allan Monday where the men's downhill was due to be staged at the second attempt.

Sunday's first full day of Olympie compension — and American television schedules — had beeo built round the blue riband eveot to be awarded was the men's

But howling winds of over 200 kilometres per hour whipped up snow and made racing im-

The race was scheduled to be-

Zurbriggen

takes gold

MOUNT ALLAN (AP) — Switzerland's Pirmin Zurbriggen, carving precise turns oo the tricky upper section of the course where others flourdered, overtook teammate Peter Moeller Monday to capture the gold medal in the Olympic men's downhill. Mueller, the first starter, posted a time of 2 minutes, 0.14 seconds, then waited anxiously as the next 12 skiers were unable to better his time. Zurbriggen, starting 14th, gained a quick advantage in negotiating flawlessly the steep technical part of the course on top and came in at 1:59.63. relegating Mueller to the silver medal, 0.51 seconds behind. Franck Piccard of France, who started right after Zurhriggen, took the bronze in 2:01.24.

Alexei Prokourorov of the Soviet Union won the men's 30-kilometres cross-country ski race. Vladimir Smirnov of the

medals and a lot more: like a

It was nothing like the tradi-tional — and brief — ceremony

that normally follows each of the

Nearly 20,000 people swathed

in goosedown, wool and fur jam-

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coloured fireworks.



One gold medal more certain

Vegard Ulvang of Norway got the bronze. In the men's luge, Jens Mueller of East Germany won the Gold, Georg Hackl of West Germany won the silver and Yuri Kharchenko of the Soviet Union got the bronze.

Canmore and Canada Olympic

ated every night until the Winter

"Today and the next 14 days belong to the athletes," said Bill Pratt, president of the Calgary

Olympic Organising Committee.

For nearly 45 minutes, scores

Games end Feb. 28.

Heroes get more than metal medals

CALGARY (AP) - Victors in med the downtown Olympic Pla-

the women's cross-country and the men's 70-metre ski jumping mony, which brought the winning

got their gold, silver and bronze athletes down from the slopes of

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of Canadian beritage and a hi- country and ski jumping.

Soviet Union won the silver and

outstanding competitors. American world ehampioo speed skater Dan Jansen was attempting to come to terms with his heartbreak Monday following similar to those predicted for

the death of his sister of leukemia 24 hours earlier. His persocal misery was compounded when the gold medal he hoped to win in her memory was lost when he fell in the 500 metres.

Jansen, who has remained in algary to compete in Thursday's 1,000 metres, was being consoled by fiancee Natalie Grenier, a memher of the Caoadiao women's speed skating squad, and his American team-mates.

Soviets take lead

Going into the third day of the 15th Winter Games, the Soviet Union jumped out front in the medal race with one gold and one silver, both won in the women's The speed skating is being run indoors for the first time in Olympics competition. In the windless setting, other world records are expected to fall.

American Jansen, the world sprint skating champion, was the day's most tragic figure. Hours before the race, his older sister died in West Allis, Wisconsin, of complications caused by leukemia. Then, Jansen was eliminated from the 500-metre race when he fell on the first turn.

But be has another medal chance in Thursday's 1,000-metre race. At a meeting Sunday morning, the U.S. team dedicated its Olympic effort to Jansen.

Calgary Games was won by Vida Ventsene, a 23-year-old student from Soviet Lithuania. She beat teammate Raisa Smetanina by 8.7 seconds in the women's 10kilometre cross-country event. 10-kilometre cross-country ski Finland's Majo Matikainen was

third and defending champioo

Marja-Liisa Kirvesniemi, winner

of all cross-country individual golds in the 1984 Olympics,

1988 WINTER OLYMPICS

Finland had one gold and one bronze and East Germany had its first gold, thanks to a world record performance by Jens-Uwe Mey in 500-metre speed skating

Mey was timed io 36.45 seconds on the Olympic Oval, breaking the mark of 36.55 set by American Nick Thometz in March 1987. On Sunday, Thometz managed only an eighth placing in 37.16.

Dutch skater Jan Ykema won, the silver in 36.76 and Japan's Akira Kuroiwa, the 1987 overall world sprint champion, who skated in the same pair with Mey, took the bronze medal in 36.77.

of rope-twirling cowgirls, pranc-

ing snowmen, Korean dancers

and a chorus of schoolchildren

Eoglish thrilled the shivering

Highlights of Winter Games, beginning in 1924 and ending

with Saturday's opening cere-

mony at McMahon Stadium.

flashed onto giant screens placed

Finally, with a minature caul-

dron burning at one end of the

plaza and a flame atop the 205-

metre Calgary Tower at the other

end, the awards ceremony began.

parents' backs and stretched their

necks hoping to catch a glimpse of the oewest Olympic beroes. As each athlete was intro-

duced, replays of their winning

performances appeared on the

Lord Killanin, honorary life

president of the International

Olympie Committee (IOC), hung

the first medal around the neck of

Soviet cross-country skier Vida

Ventsene, who won Sunday's 10-

Small children climbed on their

around the plaza.

video screens.

"It's A Small World" in

German, Japanese and

'Flying Finn' Matti Nykanen, the "Flying" Finn," soared the fathest on both jumps from the 70-metre hill and became the first man to win

Olympic gold medals in the games' two jamping events. He won the 90-metre gold in 1984 and is a favourite in that event bere too. Czechoslovak jumpers Pavel Ploc and Jiri Malec took the silver and bronze medals

Ice hockey

EUROPEAN "Footballer of the In Group A bockey action, top-seeded Sweden overwhelmed Year" Rund Gullit, sent off in the eighth minute of an Italian league Fraoce 13-2. Host Canada, match Sunday, said it was all a another medal contender, was misunderstanding. Bnt, like Real Madrid striker held to a 1-0 edge over Poland, and Switzerland upset Finland, Hugo Sanchez who was sent off in Spain, Gullit faces at least a 2-1. The two Swiss goals came within 92 seconds of each other in one-match ban as the European

Monday's Group B action pitted Norway against West Ger-Soviet Union against Austria and the United States against Czechoslovakia, which was upset 2-1 by West Germany Saturday.

Figure skating

Two-time world champions Ekaterina Gordeeva and Sergei Grinkov easily won the pairs short programme in Olympic figure skating competition Sunday night, with all nine judges rating them tops.

Secood were the defending Olympic champions, Elena Valova and Oleg Vasiliev, also of the Soviet Union. It was their first appearance in competition this year. They skipped the European ebampionships because of

Valov's foot injury.

Jill Watson and Peter Oppegard of the United States finished third in the short programme, worth 28.5 per cent of the total



joint team combining players of the Jordanian clubs Al Faisali and Al Ahli drew 1-1 with Romania's Asociatia Sportiva Armata (ASA) in a friendly soccer match played at Aruman Stadisma Monday. Subhi Awad scored the Jordanian goal. Picture shows Awad tackling the ball before the Romanian goal (photo by Abdullah Ayyoub)

Sent-off Ruud Gullit says referee misunderstood him

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approaches an important phase.

Gullit, playing for second-placed A.C. Milan at lowly Asco-

ing, apparently ironically, a deci-

was saying to myself 'OK, OK,'

let's get back to the match and as

training - as if to say 'OK, let's

get back to the game'," Franco

Matters were squared in the

second half when Ascoli's Dome-

nico Agostini was seot off as

Yet with leaders Napoli

thrashing struggling Avellino 4-0.

Diego Maradona scoring his 12th

league goal of the season, Milan

lost valuable ground in the cham-

qualifications and experience.

Milan scrambled a 1-1 draw.

myself round.'

was dismissed after applaud-

pionship chase. They now trail the title-bolders by five points. The league's disciplinary committee meets this week and Gullit faces a one or two-match suspensioo, depending on how sympathetic the committee is. Suspensions normally take effect immediately. There are no First Division matches next Sunday due to Italy's friendly against the Soviet Union, so he is likely

Spanish League Sanchez, sent off in the Spanish League match at Osasuna Saturday, will miss a cup semifinal second leg tie against Real Sociedad Thursday.

to be out in two weeks time against fourth-placed Sampdoria.

Two minutes after his dismissal, the Mexican having scored moments earlier from a penalty, the home side grabbed the win-

ning goal.
The 2-1 reverse was only Real's third defeat of the season and 24 bours later second-placed Atletico Madrid subbed salt in the wounds, coming from behind to beat Celta 2-1 at home.

Atletico closed the gap to four points and Argentine coach Luis Menotti said: "It was a great day for us. As I've been saying, this season will be full of surprises and the championship is by no means

Portuguese striker Paulo Fusaid: "We're within four poiots and everything is



Hugo Sanchez

The Dutch title remains PSV Eindhoven's for the taking despite a 0-0 draw at Utrecht Sunday, a marked improvement by Utrecht who lost 9-0 to the champions in August.

PSV, with two draws and no defeats in 21 games, are eight points clear of Ajax Amsterdam, who won a second round cup match at FC Volendam 3-2.

Navratilova takes Dallas title, vows to pursue Graf

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DALLAS (Agencies) - Martina the world. Navratilova, demonstrating the 6-0, 6-3, Sunday in the Virginia can (overtake her). Slims of Dallas finals.

pionship for the eighth time in the third and fifth games. last 10 years. She earned \$50,000

va's friend and doubles partner, hotly disputed a service call and expressed her frustration several

Navratilova needed only an-22nd straight match in their headto-head competition. Shriver, the hasn't beaten Navratilova since changeover. the 1982 U.S. Open.

the undisputed No. 1 player in go down a service break.

"Today I hit the ball better power game and sbot-making than I did at any time last year," style she'll need to unseat Steffi Navratilova said. "Steffi's (Graf) Graf as the world's top woman's still No. 1 but if I put together player, roared past Pam Shriver, some matches like I bad today, I

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A service break in the match's Navratilova, the tournament's first game set the tone as Navratitop seed, won the Dallas cham- lova went oo to breaks in the

The third-game break angered for her first title of the 1988 Shriver when she was called for a double-fault at deuce. Shriver felt The match was touched with the ball was clearly good but controversy as Shriver, Navratilo- replays showed the serve was near the line.

Shriver got the advantage back two points later, but Navratilova went on to the service-break.

Shriver expressed her anger at bour to defeat Shriver for the the linesman who called the ball out, and at the umpire who refused to overrule the call. She second seed, has lost 32 of 35 bounced a ball high into the air matches to Navratilova and and kicked a cushion during the

Shriver's emotioo carried over Navratilova called the match into the first game of the second her best since 1986 when she was set as she double-faulted twice to

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Jordanian importers complain over new clearing regulations at customs centres

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Importers of consumer goods and farming products bere are lodging complaints with the customs authorities for what they said were "unnecessary delays" in the release of imported goods currently in the custody of the department.

Importers of farming products, mainly irrigation systems told the Jordan Times that the Customs Department, which exempts irrigation units from custom duties, are now asking importers to make substantial deposits of money as insurance to be repaid after the department makes sure that the irrigation units were used for agricultural purposes. Furthermore, importers say that the department now insists that irrigation units, after they are sold to farmers, must be used as whole units and not divided and used in separate farm projects, otherwise, importers lose their

deposits with the department. The importers argue that many farmers would not buy complete have no need for. The department, however, insists that importers buy whole units, according to the importers.

One importer of irrigation units said that the department's new measures were not based on any existing customs law. The text of the law, made available to the Jordan Times, stipulates that products used for agricultural purposes would be exempted from customs duties. It does not mention anything about their use as whole units.

"The customs authorities are imposing a de facto customs duty on our supposedly exempted imports," the importer, who asked not to be identified, told the Jordan Times. He explained that by insisting on applying the new measures, the department would collect the importers' insurance deposits "as most of the irrigation units are not often sold as whole

The importer said that it would bave been easier if the concerned authorities allowed the importation of irrigation and other farmfarmers would not buy complete ing equipment in accordance with units, many parts of which they

ments that indicate the department had earlier exempted similar material he had imported without asking for a deposit or insisting that it be used as whole units. Documents made available to the Jordan Times showed that officials at the Customs Department and the ministries of agriculture, trade and industry, contradicted each other on whether such measures must be taken in their ruling on imported equip-

ment for agricultural purposes. "Why should the department have any quarrels about whether they are used as whole units or not as long as they are used for agricultural purposes," the importer said. He added that be was ready to offer the department a guarantee that the imported stuff would only be used for agricul tural purposes.

Importers bave to pay a certain fee each day for as long as their imports are kept in the custody of the customs authorities. Importers say that the process of clear- ities has ordered that imported ing goods could take as long as several weeks.

The delays in the release of imported goods are increasing the cost on the importer, importers to terminate.

One importer said that imposmg "impossible conditions and "This is not going to belp the commodities.

The importer furnished docu- farming sector in the country." The Jordan Times could not reach Costoms Department Di rector General Adel Qudah for

> A similar complaint was lodged by Foodstuff Traders Association Secretary Mohammad Haj Deeb who appealed to concerned authorities for the telease of stored commodities at customs centres. He said that according to newlyintroduced measures, large stocks of foodstuff are being kept in enstody, awaiting results of laboratory tests to determine the safety of the foods for buman

The old practice was to release the goods in return for a financial guarantee by the merchant not to dispense of the goods before the safety check by concerned authorities is terminated.

Haj Deeb, who is a board member of the Amman Chamber of Commerce, said that a recent decision by the concerned authorgoods remain in the custody of customs centres until after the conclusion of safety tests which could take between 10 to 15 days

The association's secretary said that this bad hindered the work of importers and increased their unfair penalties" would reflect on costs in addition to the storage an increase in the cost for the problems related to temperatures farmer buying the products. and the greater risk of damage to

Kuwait embarks on stock buying spree

KUWAIT (R) — Aggressive but conservative, discreet yet not afraid to cause waves, Kuwait's fund managers have launched a bargain-basement buying spree on depressed world stock markets.

switched from shares into bonds long-running Iran-Iraq war, and cash after last October's Black Monday crash, the oil-rich Gulf emirate seized the chance to buy into Western firms, including a controversial stake in British Petroleum (B.P.)

With up to \$5 billion in fresh funds to invest in its current financial year, the Kuwait Investment Authority (K1A) bas emerged as a major player on world stock markets.

"This is the time to allocate much fresh money to big companies in the industrial world in addition to some proportion to bonds and other securities," said Khalid Abu Saud, financial adviser to Kuwaiti Emir Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah.

Abu Saud, who said he was speaking for himself and not KIA, told Reuters he strongly recommended undervalued bluechip shares that yielded dividends above interest on bank deposits.

Kuwait's reserves are estimated at \$80 billion and bankers say Black Monday probably shaved no more than 10 per cent off its portfolio, reflecting the quality of its stocks, hedging and a limited shift to bonds and cash in mid-1987.

While stunned investors exposed to any overspill of the Kuwait has built up a reputation as one of the region's most sophisticated international investors.

> But the strategy of investing abroad was well developed long before the war flared in 1980 for the past 25 years Kuwait has pumped surplus oil income into foreign firms, real estate and bonds to safeguard its future when the oil runs dry.

'Beautiful investments'

"KIA bas a long record of beautiful investments," said Maha Al Ghunaim, vice-president for portfolio management at Kuwait Foreign Trading, Contracting and Investment Co. (KFTCIC) whose clients include KIA. "They bave proved themselves many times.

Bankers estimate KIA has up to \$5 billion in new funds to invest in the current fiscal year which ends in June.

This includes some 10 per cent of Kuwait's estimated \$6.3 billion in oil revenne, earmarked every year for what is pointedly called a "Fund for Future Generations."

Earlier investments will generate an extra \$4.4 billion, according to estimates by the National Bank of Kuwait, and bankers At the bead of the Gulf and expect that to be ploughed back

Bankers say the Fund for Future Generations bas been shaped into a high-quality portfolio that by law cannot be drawn down until the year 2001. That, they add, gives Kuwait a longterm perspective few international investors can afford.

'Very, very long-term look'

"KIA is very conservative," said KFTCIC's Al Ghunaim. "Quality is the key question... and they are looking at the very, very long-term."

Hard figures on Kuwaiti investments are few, but the most recent official data shows as of June 1985, KIA held foreign securities worth roughly \$36 billion, of which 40 per cent was in Europe and 36 per cent in the United States.

Push into Japan

Bankers say there has since been a big new push into Japan, where stock investments reached \$7.7 billion on the eve of the October crasb, double the level two years earlier.

And when the stock crash damened interest in Britain's sale of 2.19 billion B.P. shares, KIA's London-based subsidiary Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) saw a mique opportunity to gain a footbold in the oil giant without bidding up the share price.

To date, that stake has been built up to 19.37 per cent. The_ move provoked an outcry in Britain from opposition members of Central.

parliament, who fear Kuwait will seek control of the company to further its own already extensive

oil interests in Europe. KIO has told the British Treasnry it bas no management ambitions at B.P. and seeks only a long-term investment. But bank-

ers do not rule out it seeking a seat on the board later. Kuwait has not generally inter-. fered in management even after huilding up substantial stakes in companies such as West Ger-

many's car maker Daimler-Benz

and chemical firm Hoechst. But bankers believe board representation at B.P. would bring Kuwait obvious advantages from expertise on how to run an integrated oil multi-national to possible access to crude oil and petrol pump outlets throughout

Europe. Kuwait entered Spain aggressively in 1986 when it was one of Europe's fastest growing stock markets.

KIO has taken a majority sbare in Union De Explosivos Rio Tin-to S.A. (ERT), Spain's biggest chemical company, and a smaller stake in chemical firm S.A. Cros as part of a portfolio in the country worth an estimated \$2.1 billion.

KIO's so far unsuccessful quest for a seat on the ERT board has: met stiff opposition. But a company 48.8 per cent owned by KIO is reported to have won representation on the board of Spain's largest commercial bank. Banco

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

AMMAN (J.T.) — Shares of 50 public-shareholding companies were traded Monday but those which captured the limelight were Petra Enterprises and Leasing Equipments (PELE), Cairo-Amman Bank (CAB), Jordan French Insurance (JFI), Jordan Rockwool Industries (JRI) and Arab Aluminium Industry (AAI). 358,029 PELE shares changed bands for a total of JD 82,005 while 4,550 CAB shares amounted to JD 127,405 with the CAB share price rising from JD 27.760 to JD 28.500. Trading in JFI shares was also beavy in terms of volume which totalled JD 90.272 on the exchange of 14,482 shares but the price per sbare dropped from JD 6.400 to a low of JD 6.000 before closing at JD 6.100. JRI and AAI recorded 76.350 shares for JD 53,195 and 41,250 shares for JD 81,247 respectively without much change in the price. The Arab Bank sbare fell steeply in price from JD 120.500 to JD 119.500. Overall, 812,040 shares were traded Monday for a total volume of JD 808,817. The dealings were spread over 647 contracts with PELE heading the list with 108 contracts.

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1988

YOUR HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You You will appreciate them more may want to express soms special when you get back.

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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) This SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. is a good day to contact soma 21) Deal with business associates in friends who are happy and full of an open and hooest manner. Stop life, as these people will improve worrying so much over petty your mood considerably.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Be CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

innovative in the handling of your Show more affection for your mate, routines, and your superiors will be and improve the understanding beimpressed. If you need a favor from tween you immensely. Don't let a omeooe, ask directly and get it. private worry apoil your mood. GEMINI (May 21 to Jose 21) AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)

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which will delight your mate.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22 Get "The Stars impel; they do not eway from your family for a while compel." What you make of your so you won't feel so hemmed in lifs is largely up to you!

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THE Daily Crossword by Florence C. Adler

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

One Sterling One U.S. dollar

1.2650/60 1.7065/75 1.9166/76 1.4025/35 35*.*72/75 5.7660/90 1257/1258 130.15/25 6.0850/0900 6.4540/90 6.5230/80

Canadian dollar Deutschemarks Dutch guilders Swiss francs Belgian francs French francs Italian lire Japanese yen Swedish crowns Danish crowns

443.35/445.85 One ounce of gold

Norwegian crowns U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) - Stock prices drifted towards the lower end of a narrow trading range in late trading against the background of continuing low level of activity.

At 1630 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was 4.7 points up at

1,738.7, having touched a high of 1,742.6. Lack of iristitutional involvement in the market highlighted

nervousness over recent U.K. industrial nnrest and concern over the near-term path of U.K. domestic interest rates, dealers said.

Among the leaders ICI rose 2p to 1,046, Glaxo 6p to 1,031, and British Aerospace 10p to 355 while Fisons lost 7p to 247. Wall Street's closure for Washington's birthday further contri-

buted to the listless tone, dealers said. News that Ford Motor will meet representatives of its 32,000 striking workforce Tuesday in a bid to settle the week-old stoppage belped market sentiment.

Dealers said, bowever, there was concern that if Ford agrees to the union demands this may encourage further industrial unrest.

Under foreign exchange rules decision, which applied only to Sunday to plug what bankers introduced last May, a commitprivate firms without hard currency resources. tee of bankers meets daily to set a

Egypt widens scope for debt repayments

CAIRO (R) — Egypt took action called a loopbole in its foreign exchange system by authorising rate for the Egyptian pound, 2.24 private firms to buy dollars at the free-market rate to repay debts.

Banks will be allowed to allocate about 10 per cent of their bard currency earnings to privatesector clients who need dollars to repay debts, a senior official said.

He said the regulation would apply to payments due from Sunday but would not be retroactive. Companies indebted to foreign suppliers would get priority.

to the dollar Sunday.

This free-market rate applied for limited purposes, including opening letters of credit. But until Sunday, private firms had tronble finding dollars to pay off hard currency debts estimated by bankers at \$3.5 billion.

Rafiq Suweilam, first undersecretary for foreign exchange at the ministry of economy, said banks were being notified of the

He told Reuters the measure was not linked to a standby accord with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) last May, which include a pledge by Egypt to unify its system of multiple exchange rates over 18 months.

The government set up the free-market system last May in an attempt to kill the black market and increase transfers of dollars through the banks.

Suweilam said about \$2.5 billion bad been channelled to the official market since last May. Over \$1.2 billion of this bad been used to open credits for privatesector imports and about \$1 billion was used for public-sector

He declined to reveal when the government planned to unify all exchange rates. In addition to the free-market rate, it operates a commercial rate for some purposes, 1.97 last week, and bas a book-keeping rate of 0.70.

Iraq accuses Iran of selling oil cheaply

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi accused Iran Monday of selling its oil below the official price of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries

"Iran is offering quantities of its oil in prices, less than OPEC's, with rates reaching between \$1.5 to \$2 per barrel (below the OPEC level)," Chalabi told reporters.

Both Iran and Iraq are members of OPEC whose official price

is \$18 per barrel. Chalabi, whose country has been at war with Iran for more than seven years, was speaking after the opening of an Arab symposium on the oil and gas provement on the part of oil producers within and outside

OPEC." The minister said Iraq was prepared to do everything in its power to belp OPEC achieve stability in oil prices.

Oteiba urges Japan to cooperate with OPEC United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Mana Said Oteiba Monday called on Japan to cooperate with OPEC to achieve world oil market sta-

Oteiba, on his third day of a He said dealing in the interna- week-long official visit to Japan, the Emirates News Agency (WAM) reported from Tokyo.

> The latest developments in the oil market and the situation in the Gulf were the focus of discussion beld in Tokyo Monday between Oteiba and Japanese Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno.

> According to WAM, Oteiba said the UAE bas exerted "tremendous efforts" to stabilise the market around the \$18 a barrel benchmark, immediately after the last OPEC meeting beld in Vienna in December.

Japan's trade surplus falls

tional oil market was still "cau- told his hosts such a stability was TOKYO (R) - Japan's trade tious, despite some signs of immonth in January, but economists said they were disappointed that the figures released Monday showed that improvements in the imbalance may be slowing. Although the surplus fell to \$3.07 billion in January from \$4.31 billion a year earlier, it was well

> bad anticipated. "The pace of drops for the Japanese surplus is slowing down. even though the downtrend has not changed," said Soichiro Akahane, economist for the Bank of Tokyo.

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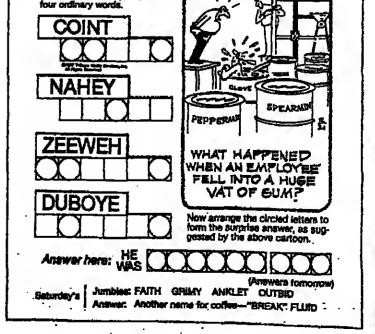
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NPA-troop clashes claim 24 more lives

House rejects Aquino. call for 'emergency rule'

MANILA (R) — The Philippine House of Representatives, in a special vote Monday, rejected any government move to bring back emergency rule to fight the Philippine Communist insurgency.

"any plans to place the whole or martial rule, or to declare such part in a state of emergency or any plan that would... (curtail) the constitutional rights and liberties of the Filipian people."

The measure, manimonsly passed in the 203-seat house, followed a call by the military for wider powers tn fight Communist rebels, including authority to detain suspects without court war-

rants or charging them. Earlier Monday, Philippine President Corazon Aquino said she was consulting her defence chief on the military's request.

Killings continue in countryside, south

Around the countryside, 24 people were killed in fighting be-tween Communist rebels and soldiers. Another nine died in the southern island of Sulu in election.

On Sunday, 15 Communist New People's Army (NPA) guerrillas and six soldiers died in heavy fighting in Davao Oriental province nn Sonthern Mindanao, area commander General Mariano Adalem said Mnnday.

About 2,500 villagers near the comhat area fled their homes in fear and sought refuge in a nearby town, as government forces pursued retreating rebels.

DHAKA (Agencies) Bangladesh

President Hossain Muhammad

Ershad Monday called on the

army to ensure law and order

during Bangladesh's parliamen-

tary elections nu March 3.
"We shall deploy the army and

take all other security measures

to ensure the peaceful holding of

the parliamentary elections," the

state radin quoted him as telling

the annual parade of ansars, au-

xiliary policemen, near Dhaka.

The soldiers would be in addi-

tion to tens of thousands of para-

The private Manila radio stat-

Representatives said in a re-tion DZRH said three soldiers solution they strongly opposed and six followers of woman mayoral candidate Rizza Tan some parts of the country under, were killed in clashes between warring political groups vying for local seats in Monday's special elections on the Muslim island of

> The fighting in Maimhung town involved Tan's group and supporters of her opponent, Maldiza Abdurajik, and soldiers had tried to break up the battle which

began Sunday. The military said two belicopters bearing Mindanao area com-mander Major-General Cesar Tapia, two election commissioners and several journalists were fired at from the ground as they were landing in Maimbung. No

Aguino told reporters Monday she had asked Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos for his recommendations on army demands for virtual martial law powers, and

was still awaiting his reply. Congressman Rodolfo Gutang said be was drafting a proposed national security act providing for wider army arrest powers and selective imposition of curfews in a tough response to rebel escalation of the war.

Gutang said the bill, expected to be debated in the house of representatives this week, would not be an outright declaration of martial law but would have some of its features.

Thirteen congressmen, led by

troops followed requests hy

politicians for tighter security af-

ter at least 152 people were killed

and 8,000 injured in bombings and gunbattles between rival poli-

tical groups during rural council

frightened leaders of Ershad's

Jatiya Party and several fringe

groups made the requests when

they met the president Sunday

Ershad's arch-foes Awami

Opposition parties led by

Government sources said

elections last Wednesday.

Ershad says army will be deployed for elections

Laos, Thailand | Dole, Dukakis seen favoured in to hold talks on ending border war

BANGKOK (AP) — A Laotian military team will arrive Tuesday for talks on ending the escalating battle with Thailand over a disputed border area, Thai Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda announced Monday.

majority leader Francisco Sumu-

long, Aquino's uncle, immediate-

ly opposed the Gutang proposal,

and filed a resolution asking the

chamber to "strongly oppose"

any declaration of martial law or

Former president Ferdinand

Marcos also used martial law to

fight rebels, but the rebellion

only escalated as military abuses

drove peasants into joining rebel

Military estimates put current

rebel strength at about 25,000

compared to a few hundred early

In other incidents, suspected

Communist hit-men Monday shot

to death a narcotics agent as he

slowed down his car at a Manila

Aquino's land 'confiscated'

group claims it has confiscated

more than 600 hectares (1,482

acres) of land in Aquino's home

region over the past two years

The National Alliance of

Peasants in Central Luznn

claimed in a statement received in

raised the salaries of farm

The alliance claimed that farm

workers' daily wages had been

raised from a low of eight pesos

(40 cents) to as much as 60 pesos

last July. Legislation on land re-form is pending in congress. The

president's family owns 6,000

hectares (14,828 acres) of land in

Tarlac province, which is north of

Hasina told reporters Sunday

night she had so far received

reports of more than 500 people

being killed in the rural vote

mark when reports from the re-

mote areas will be available," she

said and blamed Jativa for the

Hasina and Zia have

series of strikes and demon

strations aimed at forcing Ershad

to resign. Ershad dissolved par-

liament and called for new elec-

tions after the protests had con-

tinned for several weeks.

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Aquino endorsed land reform

and redistributed it to farmers

A Communist-led peasants'

m Marcos' rule.

railway crossing.

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tary elections.

a limited state of emergency.

But Prem played down expectations for an immediate solu-

The Laotians are to meet with a Thai team headed by Army Commander General Chaovalit Yongchaiyuth for one day of talks, Prem said.

"We cannot hope for much," the premier told reporters. "On whether or not we can resolve the problem, we would have to talk

Prem said he did not consider the meeting a formal negotiation, which would have to involve other top officials.

An official Laotian radio broadcast mnnitored in Bangkok Monday said General Sisavat Keobounphan, chief of general staff of the Lao People's Army, would head the four-member Laotian team.

Curfew raised for Tamil festival in Manila Monday that it also has Sri Lanka

BATTICALOA, Sri Lanka (R) Security forces hunting separatist rebeis Monday lifted a 24-hour-a-day curfew clamped on Sri Lanka's eastern district of Batticaloa since Thursday to let residents prepare for a Tamil festival.

The curfew was relaxed to allow residents to go shopping for the Maha Sivarathri (Holy Night of Lord Siva) festival Tuesday, security sources said.

Residents said they expected the curfew to be reimposed after the festival when Indian troops resume house-to-house searches for Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam guerrillas in the town and

outlying villages.
The "cordon and search operation" launched Thursday flushed out at least 120 suspected rebels. "We anticipate another curfew so we're stocking up for about five to six days," said T. Yogencoordinated a four-month-long dran, 41, picking out goods at a

> day it will be reimposed." Fish and vegetable prices have risen by up to 50 per cent, annther shopper, Permanayam

MIAMI (AP) — Lawyers for Takiff, Rubino and fellow lawyers Neal Sonnett and Steven General Mannel Noriega say the Panamanian strnngman has 'dynamite" information that could influence the American

Minority students get support

AMHERST, Massachusetts (AP) building until Chancellor Joseph
— Black, Hispanic, Native D. Duffey met demands includ-

in protest at U.S. university

are 'political dynamite'

Noriega's attorneys say files

New Hampshire primary

Robertson, who has never held

a government post, was vague

about his source, saying he had

been told his information by a

someone on the Senate Foreign

The other candidates made no

comment on Robertson's claim.

but afterwards a key Dole backer

here, New Hampshite Senator

Warren Rudman, said Robertson

was way off the mark. "I don't

know if he has access to intelli-

gence numbers, but I do. It's not

so," he said. "It's the first I've

After the debate, Robertson's

campaign manager, Marc Nuttle

said the candidate had informa-

tion that delivery systems, not

warheads, were now in Cuba. He

said the information came in part

from the Senate Fnreign Rela-

tions Committee. "We are pro-

tecting our source," he said.

Congressman Jack Kemp of
New York and former Delaware

governor Pierre Du Pont tried to

portray both Bush and Dole as

advocates of higher taxes, but they reserved their sharpest

Dnle was caught off-guard

when Du Pont thrust a paper he

sand was a pledge not to raise taxes. "Sign it," he demanded.

George will," said Dole, the Sen-

ate Republican leader from Kan-

sas, who squirmed at his oppo-

ly to re-establish his candidacy

among party conservatives now

flirting with Robertson, also took

a swipe at Bush, charging the

State Department was bending to

Soviet demands in Afghanistan in the hopes of a May 15 Russian

Kemp, who is trying desperate-

"I want to read it first, maybe

Relations Committee.

ever heard of it."

attacks for Dole.

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troop pullout.

GOFFSTOWN, New Hampshire

(R) - Republican presidential

candidates turned on Senator

Robert Dole Sunday as the man

to beat, while Vice-President

George Bush tried to stay above the fray in the last debate leefore

Tuesday's New Hampshire prim-

Bush, however, made am im-

passioned plea as the debate en-

ded Sunday night, telling voters: "Here I stand warts and all. I

don't articulate, but don't take

that for lack of passion or lack of

To some in the andience, it

seemed as if Bush, who last

month beld a 20-point lead in

state-wide opinion polls, was beg-

ging for votes in the first primary

New polls showed him either

locked in a dead heat with Dole

or slipping behind into second

place following his shocking

third-place finish in the Iowa cau-

On the Democrat side, the polls showed Massachusetts Gov-

ernor Michael Dukakis widening

his lead over six rivals, leaving

the real battle for second place -

between Missouri Congressman Richard Gephardt and Illinois

The Republican candidates

sparred on Afghanistan, budget

and tax policy, Central America

and whether ordinary Americans

should be tested for the AIDS

Former television evangelist

Pat Robertson startled his rivals

with the assertion that the Soviet

Union had deployed SS-4 and

SS-5 nuclear missiles in Cuha,

raising the spectre of another

missile crisis between the super-

of the election year.

cuses a week ago.

Senator Paul Simon.

ary election.

belief."

presidential election, and they threatened to use the files "if we have to."

"We were given access by General Nuriega to files which contain political dynamite — files which could affect the upcoming presidential election in the United States and the positions of other nations," Raymond Takiff said Sunday after arriving at Miami International Airport. He refused to elaborate. "Right now, we're just going to

sit tight with them (the files). If we have to use them, we'll use them," said Frank Rnhino, another defence lawyer, later in response to a question. Takiff added, "General

Noriega told us that he has always been a friend of the United States and is still a friend of the United

Nuriega was indicted on drug trafficking charges hy federal erand juries in Mianu and Tampa, Flurida, earlier this month.

American and Asian students

occupying a University of Mas-

say a church pledged money to

help them and restaurants have

"We haven't even had to leave

the building to buy food," Rio

Gabriel, 21, a junior from Toron-

donated hot meals.

sachusetts building for a third day beatings.

Kollin conferred Friday with their client. Panama's de facto leader. Somett, the former chief of the criminal division in the Miami U.S. attorney's office, and Kollin returned to Miami from Panama City Saturday. Takiff and Rubinn returned Sunday.

The defence attorneys also have 'material which portrays the long and intricate involvement of Jose Blandon, former Panamanian consul general in New York, with the Commi Party in both Panama and Puerto Rico," Takiff said.

Blandon was a witness before the Miami federal grand jury that indicted Noriega, and has testi-fied before a U.S. congressional subcommittee about Noriega's alleged involvement in cocaine trafficking. He also alleged that the CIA provided Noriega with confidential information on Senatnrs Edward Kennedy and Jesse Helms, which the CIA denied.

"He (Blandon) wants to be the next president of Panama,' Takiff said.

ing the suspension of five white

students accused nf the Feh. 7

Group leaders talked with

hlack administrators Sunday in

preparation for a meeting with

the chancellor on their demands.

which were being revised to in-

clude more funds for minority

minority faculty, Gabriel said.

activities and increased hiring of

Only 41 nf the 1,339 faculty

members and 5 per cent of the

20,000 undergraduates are hlack,

mirroring a nationwide decline in

the number of black applicants in

the last several years, according

Blacks at the university say an

undercurrent of racism has not

abated since October 1986, when

hlacks and whites clashed follow-

ing the Boston Red Sox loss to-

the New York Mets in the final

white students eventually pleaded

game of the World Series. Six

Key Afghan rebel leader sceptical about Soviet pullout

coalition, to seek a truce.

also killed with knives. Two youths, aged 15 and 18, on nationwide political vinlence.

with the Natal internecine strife. The police said a group of men hurled petrol bombs at a house

house, numerous shots were fired at them. In the process, three black women and a black man were fatally wounded and twn black youths injured," the stateNEW YORK (R) — A key Afghan resistance leader, in an interview published Sunday, exment? How will the withdrawal

Asked if the Afghan refugees in Pakistan were excited about the prospective Soviet withdrawal, Abdul Haq told Newsweek magazine: "People are very excited. But this is not the first time the Soviets have talked about leaving. We are used to it. I do

said Soviet bombing and artillery attacks continued and were increasing.

ment? How will the withdrawal take place?" said Haq, who was Han said neither the Amer-

icans, nnr the Pakistanis, nor Afghan leader Najib's government could help the Soviet forces leave Afghanistan. "The only people whn can belp the Soviets leave Afghanistan are the Mujahedeen. The Soviets must speak to us," he

term amidst vote fraud charges

ner, the Western bemisphere's longest ruling head of state, won an eighth consecutive term as Paraguay's president by a landslide Sunday over two lawyers most Paraguayans.

ruling Colorado Party, said in a nationally broadcast speech that the party's list of candidates, led by Stroessner, had won 89 per

No one doubted Stroessner would win because the overwhelming majority of the 1.4 million registered voters belong to his ruling Colorado Party. Many Paraguayans are required

Paraguayan Interior Minister banned Authentic Radical Liber-Sabino Montanaro, head of the al Party (PLRA) - the largest polls.

"The election was a farce," he told reporters outside party headquarters, which had been closed by the police.

Laino was nne of about 10 to join the party to hold govern- election demonstrations.

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Exercise-fertility link probed

BOSTON (R) — Women who exercise regularly to stay thin can significantly reduce the likelihood of breast and reproductive cancer but may have considerable difficulty conceiving, medical researchers said Sunday. Doctors at the annual conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Science said they were increasingly finding complex links between the female hormone oestrogen, fat production, fertility and cancer. Those links can leave women with a confusing set of factors to consider when making decisions about pregnancy, they said. Dr. Rose Frisch, associate professor at Harvard School of Public Health, told the conference that women who want to be fashionably thin cannot always accept that they must stop exercising in order to get pregnant. "You'd be amazed at the number of ladies that see this as a terrible problem. They like to stay nice and lean," she said. Frisch cited recent studies that showed women who undertake moderate exercise, such as running three kilometres a day, face a very high risk of menstrual irregularity leading to infertility. She connected the drop in fertility to a "lack of fatness." In addition, researchers found that adolescent girls who are very active in sports do not begin menstruating until an average age of 15½, three years later than normal. "As women become excessively lean they become infertile," in part because of the large number of calonies required for ovulation, conception and pregnancy, she

British police smash dogfighting ring

LONDON (R) — British police smashed an underworld doglighting ring and arrested 12 spectators Sunday in the biggest such raid since the gamblers' blood-sport was banned a century ago; Scotland Yard said. Police swooped on a dog fight heid secretly on waste ground near London's Heathrow Airport. At least two dogs were taken away injured. The men arrested face possible jail terms of six popular and heavy fines. A spectage of the Power least two dogs were taken away injured. terms of six months and heavy fines. A spokesman for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) said: "Dogfighting has been on the rise in the last five years as some people seem to be looking for brutal ways of getting kicks. It's a barbaric sport and has become big business," he added.

Research shows smart brains use less

BOSTON (R) — The brains of smart people use less energy than the brains of those who are less intelligent, probably because they are wired more efficiently, new research has shown. Dr. Richard Haier told the American Association for the Advancement of Science Sunday that brain scans have revealed people who score highest on intelligence tests have brains that consume the least amount of energy-giving blood sugar. "Although one might assume that a good performer's brain would work harder than assume mar a good performer's brain would 'work harder' than that of a subject who did poorly, our data suggest that the opposite is true," he said. The results are preliminary, he said, but they suggest smarter people may have brains whose nerve cells are more densely wired. Haier is an associate professor of psychiatry and human behaviour at the University of California at Irvine.

Nicaraguan U.N. ambassador dies

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Nora Astorga, Nicaraguan ambassador to the United Nations who gained fame during the Sandinista Revolution for Juring a general to his death, died Sunday of cancer. She was 39. The death was reported Sunday in a statement released from Agendas International, the New York-based public relations firm that represents the Nicaraguan government. In 1978, Astorga induced General Reynaldo Perez Vega, deputy commander of the National Guard, to her bedroom where guerrillas cut his throat. Perez Vega served in the overnment of Nicaraguan president Anastasio ousted by the Sandinistas in July 1979. Astorga said Sandinista accomplices tried to subdue Perez Vega but, when the resisted, they killed him. The original plan was to kidnap Perez Vega and release him in exchange for 59 Sandinista prisoners, she said. In 1984, the United States rejected her as the proposed ambassador to the United States. She held the rank of deputy foreign minister at the time. American officials said the administration of President Ronald Reagan regarded her as unsuitable in view of her involvement in the slaying of Perez Vega. Astorga was appointed ambassador to the United Nations in February 1986. A spokesman for the Nicaraguan government, whn spoke on condition of anonymity, said she returned to Nicaragua because of the illness in January.

Broadway composer Frederick Loewe dies

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PALM SPRINGS. California (R) - Frederick Loewe, who teamed with Alan Jay Lerner to compose such hit musicals as "My Fair Lady," "Camelot" and "Gigi," died Sunday night of a heart attack, hospital officials said. Loewe, who was 86, was admitted to the Desert Hospital Wednesday night and remained in the intensive care unit there until he died. Loewe, who also wrote the music for "Brigadoon" and "Paint Your Wagon," once declared: "I don't like my music, but what is my opinion against that of millions nf others?" Twice divorced, Loewe said he might have preferred to spend his life playing Bach and Mozart, but

Police seize heroin in Bombay, Delhi raids

NEW DELHI (AP) — Indian narcotics agents seized about 48 kilogrammes (106 pounds) of heroin valued at 500 million rupees (\$38.5 million) in raids Saturday in Bombay, the United News of India (UNI) reported. In New Delhi, a suspect in a drug-smuggling case jumped to his death Friday while he was being interrogated by narcotics agents, the news agency said. More than 3 kilogrammes (6.6 pounds) of heroin valued at 35 million rupees (\$2.7 million) were confiscated, it added. India has stepped up drug enforcement activities in recent years under pressure from Western nations. India has increasingly been used by smugglers as a trans-shipment point for drugs moving to Europe and North America. The Narcotics Control Bureau, which is responsible for drug enforcement, said it was acting on a tip when it raided two buildings in the Bombay dockyard, UNI said. Opium and hashish also were seized, it said, and one man was arrested. In New Delhi, the drugs were found in a raid on a commercial office, UNI said.

'Mercy killing' article sparks debate

CHICAGO (AP) — A grand jury has requested all records linked to a "mercy killing" essay written by a doctor whose identity has not been disclosed by the Journal of the American Medical Association (AMA), a newspaper reported Sunday. The essay, titled "It's over, Debbie," has sparked debate about the ethics of euthanasia. Medical experts and prosecutors have urged the journal to release the name of the doctor who wrote the article. The essay, which AMA officials admit wasn't verified, describes how an exhausted gynaecology resident gave a fatal injection of morphine to a young woman suffering from ovarian cancer. Some doctors have questioned whether the incident ever took place. The Chicago Sun-Times said the grand jury wants the cover letter from the author, the original manuscript and all correspondence between the journal and the author. The Cook County grand jury also has subpocuaed any in-house memos about the essay and minutes from editorial staff meetings concerning the Jan. 8 article, the Sun-Times said, citing sources it did not name.

not believe them."

"We would very much like for

to said Sunday. The estimated 125 demonstrators have held the New Africa House on the UMass campus since Friday tn protest an attack on two black students allegedly beaten by whites and other recent

> Protesters allowed reporters into a small room on the ground floor of the hall to answer questions. The building showed no signs of demonstrations being planned, such as banners or pickets, and there were no police officers outside.

incidents at the school.

Protesters said they would occupy the four-storey brick no contest to varying charges.

Firestone delegation in Jordan AMMAN — A

high-level delegation from the American Firestone Tire Company arrived in Amman recently for a visit upon the invitation of the Mediterranean Trading Corparation, the agents of Firestone



to the school.

in Jordan. V.J. Sardes, L. Kleinbussink and I. Fazah are in Jordan to pursue the com-

panies development plans with Mediterranean Trading Corpora-

and 70, were killed in nne nf the most violent weekends in a yearold black-against-black war raging in South Africa's Natal pro-Police said Monday that 10

12 killed over weekend in

military policemen already sent League Chief Sheikh Hasina and

around the country to prevent Baugladesh Natinnalist Party further political violence. Baugladesh Natinnalist Party Leader Begum Khaleda Zia have

Ershad's decision to deplny vowed to disrupt the parliamen-

people died in the province Sunday. Among them were a 70year-old man and his wife, aged 60, a 61-year-old woman found with her throat slit and a 15-yearold youth shot dead. Police had reported twn fatali-

ties Saturday in Natal, where over 400 people have died violently in the past year in a contest for power between the radical United Democratic Front (UDF) and the conservative Inkatha Movement of the Zulu tribe.

The latest fighting, mainly in townships near the provincial capital, Pietermaritzburg, was reported soon after the chief of the

South Africa's Natal province JOHANNESBURG (R) — Zulu tribe, South Africa's big-Twelve people, aged between 15 gest, called on the UDF, the country's largest anti-apartheid

Police said the elderly couple were found dead with stah wnunds at Taylor's Halt township, where the 61-year-old woman and a man, aged 27, were

were killed by gunfire at Shong-weni, police said in a daily report In recent mouths, the report has been dealing almost exclusively

in Kwadengezi township. "As the occupants fled the

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND IMAR SHARIF

WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold: ♥A983 ♦AQ74 4J1052 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West What action do you take?

Q.2-Both vulnerable, as South you hold: 107 ♥Q93 ¢K1095432 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West ant Pass ?

What action do you take?

Q.3-Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: •Q9852 VA107 \(\cdot KJ62 \) 46 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East Pass Pass 1 2 Pass

What do you bid now?

Q.4-Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: 4J762 ♥953 ♦AK8 4762 Partner opens the bidding with one diamond. What do you respond?

Q.5-Both vulnerable, as South you hold: **4KQJ762** ♥9 ♦K105 **4**AK9 The bidding has proceeded: West North East Pass 1 NT Pass South

What do you bid now?

Q.6-As South, vulnerable, you hold: 4865 7AQJ 01083 4AQ72 Partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond?

interviewed in Peshawar.

pressed scepticism about Soviet announcements that Moscow is prepared to start pulling its soldiers out of Afghanistan by May

The 29-year-old commander

He disputed Soviet leader

Mikhail Gorbachev's call for an end tn fnreign intervention saying: "Who is Gorbachev to talk about foreign intervention? When he cuts his vein, is it Afghan blood which flows? We the Soviets to go and leave us are fighting tn defend our coun-

alone. They say they will leave - try. How do you call that a but they give uo details. What foreign intervention?" Paraguay president wins eighth

ASUNCION, Paraguay (Agen-ment jobs and do business with cies) — General Alfredo Stroess- the state. whose names were unknown to the result in 1983. Domingo Laino, leader of the

cent of the ballots.

The official tally recorded a small number of protest votes. but opposition leaders claimed the Colorado Party had rigged the outcome, which was similar to

opposition group -- said 60 to 65 per cent of the nation's registered voters had stayed away from the

opposition leaders detained during the day en route to anti-